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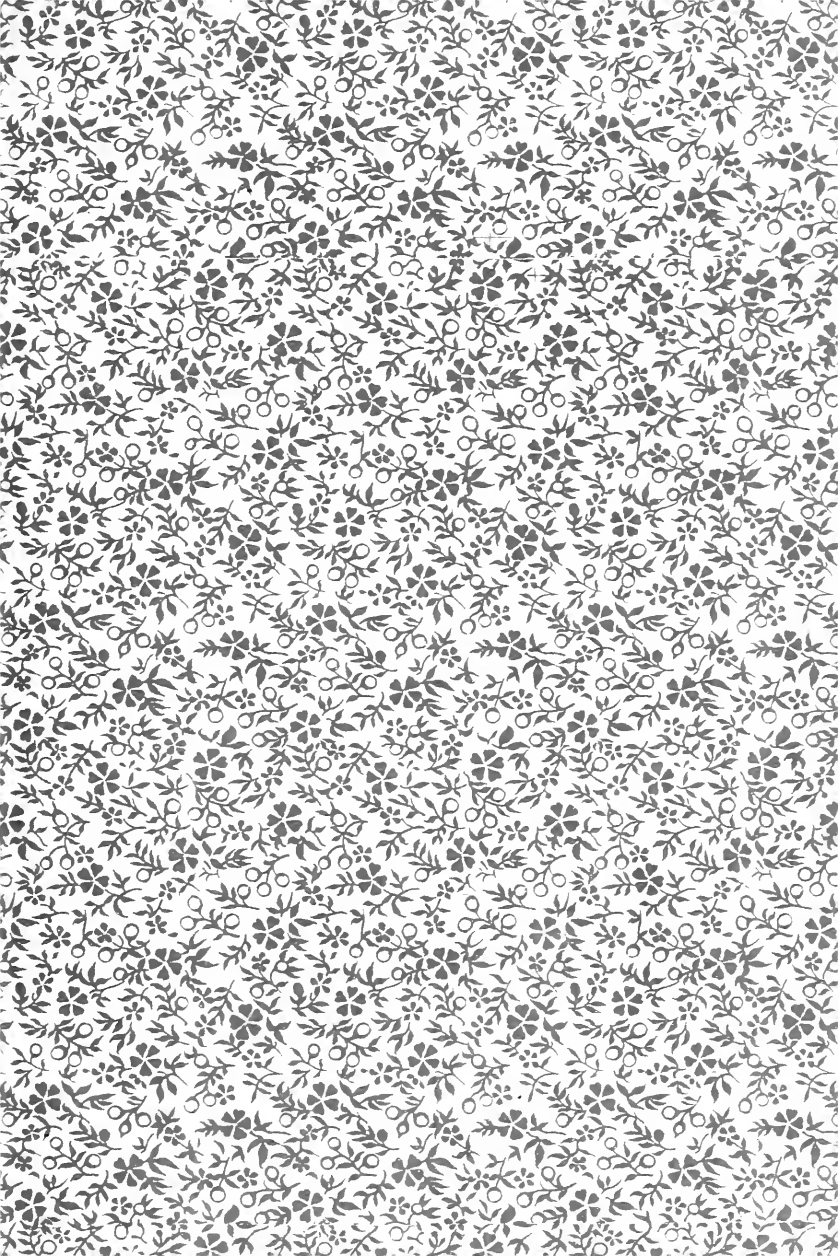
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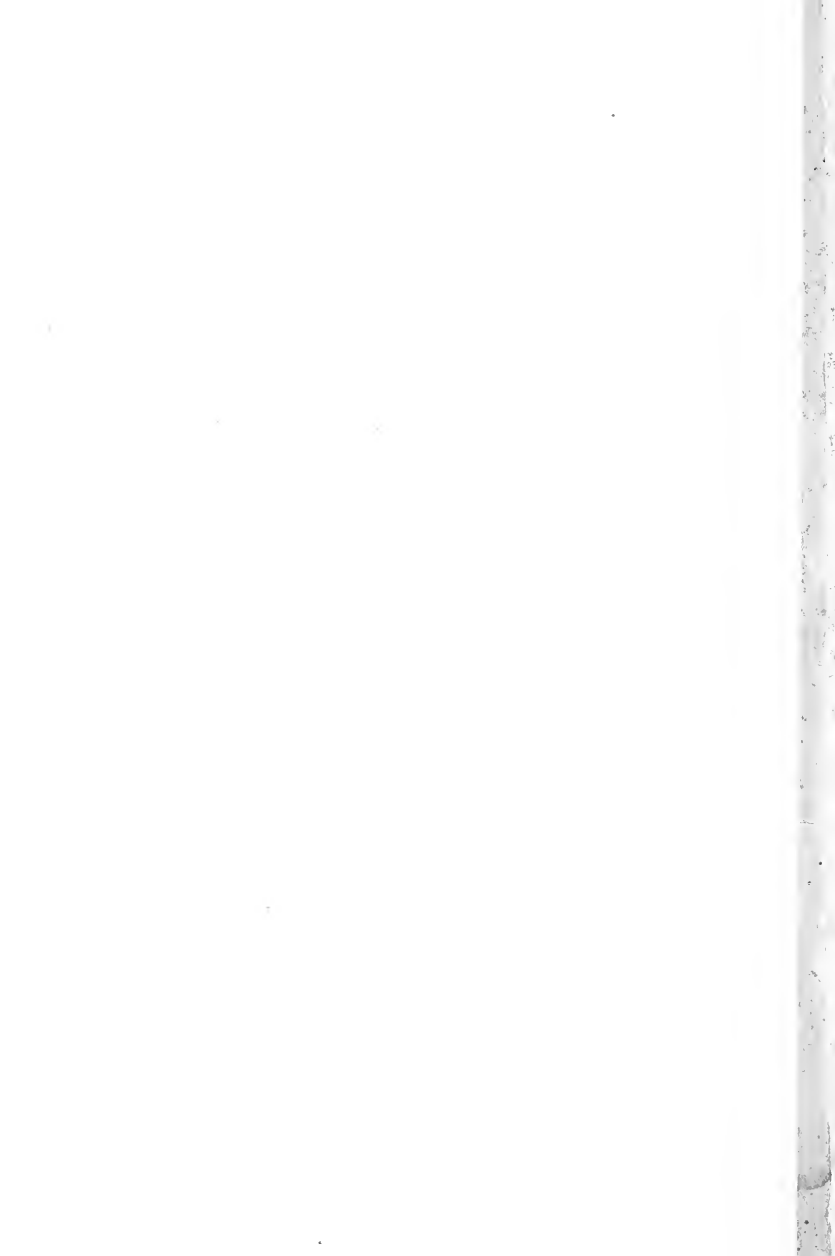
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BEGAN AND HELD AT THE CAPITAL, IN THE TOWN OF INDIANAPOLIS, ON MONDAY THE TENTH DAY OF JANUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE; BEING THE DAY APPOINTED BY LAW, FOR THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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*The following members of the House of Representatives appeared and took their seats:—*

*From the county of Knox, Benjamin V. Beckes and Daniel Langton.*

*From the county of Daviess and Martin, William Wallace.*

*From the county of Vigo, Parke and Vermillion, James Farrington.*

*From the county of Sullivan, Josiah Mann.*

*From the counties of Greene, Owen and Morgan, Daniel Harris.*

*From the county of Jefferson, David Hillis, and Nathan B. Palmer.*

*From the county of Jennings, John Walker.*

*From the county of Clark, Reuben W. Nelson, and William G. Armstrong.*

*From the county of Floyd, John K. Graham.*

*From the county of Washington, Alexander Huston, and Robert M'Intyre.*

*From the county of Jackson, Obadiah M. Crane.*

*From the county of Orange, John G. Clendenin and Alexander Wallace.*

*From the county of Lawrence, William Erwin.*

*From the county of Monroe, David H. Maxwell.*

*From the county of Harrison, Thomas Posey and Benjamin Hurst.*

*From the county of Crawford, Elisha Tadlock.*

*From the county of Posey, James H. Richardson.*

*From the county of Gibson, David Robb.*

*From the county of Pike, John Johnson.*

*From the county of Vanderburgh, and so much of Warrick as is included in Boone and Anderson townships, John M'Creery.*

*From the counties of Spencer, Perry, Dubois and so much of Warrick as is included in Luce township, William M'Mahan.*

*From the counties of Randolph and Allen, Daniel Worth.*

*From the county of Wayne, Abel Lomax, Henry Hoover and Eleazar Hiatt.*

*From the county of Union, Thomas Brown.*

*From the county of Franklin, David Oliver and Noah Noble.*

*From the county of Switzerland, Stephen C. Stevens and William Gard.*

*From the county of Dearborn, Abel C. Pepper, Horace Bassett and Ezekiel Jackson.*

*From the county of Bartholomew, Benjamin Irwin.*

*From the counties of Marion, Madison, Hamilton and Johnson, John Conner.*

*From the counties of Henry, Rush, Decatur and Shelby, Thomas Hendricks.*

*From the counties of Putnam, Montgomery and Wabash, Amos Robertson.*

*From the county of Fayette, Newton Claypool,*

Who produced their credentials and were sworn in to office by the Hon. Isaac Blackford, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this state.

On Motion of Mr. Posey,

Mr. David Robb, a member from the county of Gib-

son, was called to the chair as Speaker pro tempore.

Whereupon,

The House proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and upon taking one ballot thereon, it appeared the vote stood for Stevens, 23 votes, Maxwell 20, that Steven C. Stevens was duly elected. Mr. Stevens being conducted to the chair, returned his acknowledgments for the honor conferred, and recommended and enjoined the observance of good order and decorum.

The House then proceeded to the election of a principal Clerk, and upon examining the ballots, it appeared that Henry P. Thornton, was unanimously elected; who was sworn into office by the Hon. Isaac Blackford, and took his seat at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to the election of an assistant clerk, and on counting the ballots it appeared that James F. D. Lanier had 34 votes, Charles H. Test 9 votes, Gabriel J. Johnson 1 vote. Mr. Lanier being declared duly elected, was called in, sworn into office by the Hon. Isaac Blackford, and took his seat at the clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to the election of a Doorkeeper, and upon examination, it appeared that Amariah Foster, was duly elected, who was sworn into office, and gave his attendance accordingly.

A Message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Farnham their assistant Secretary, announcing that the Senate have formed a quorum, have elected James Dill, Secretary, and John H. Farnham, assistant Secretary, Rollin C. Dewey, enrolling Secretary, and John Midcap, Doorkeeper, and that they are now ready to proceed to legislative business. And he then withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House, inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have met, formed a quorum, elected Stephen C. Stevens, Speaker, Henry P. Thornton, principal Clerk, James F. D. Lanier, assistant Clerk, and Amariah Foster, Doorkeeper, and are now ready to proceed to legislative business.



Whereupon,  
The House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The House assembled.

On Motion of Mr. Hurst,

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, That a committee be appointed to wait on the Reverend Mr. Bush, and solicit him to attend in the Representative Hall, instanter, and open the session by solemn prayer, and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their attendance requested, and that seats will be provided on the right of the Speaker's chair for them.*

Whereupon,

Messrs. Hurst and Maxwell, were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Posey,

*Resolved, That the rules adopted at the last session of the General Assembly, for their government in the transaction of their own business, and the joint rules for their government in the transaction of business between the two Houses, be adopted by this House for their government during this session, and that the public printer be directed to print one hundred copies thereof for the use of the General Assembly. and that the Senate be informed thereof, and respectfully requested on their part, to adopt the same joint rules.*

*Ordered, that the clerk inform the Senate thereof.*

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

*Resolved, that the clerks of this House only, be authorized to draw stationary for the use of this House.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Farham, their assistant Secretary, announcing that the Senate accept the invitation of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of attending public prayer in that House, and that they will attend instanter.

The Senate came down and took their seats on the right of the Speaker's chair.

The Reverend Mr. Bush, came in, accompanied by the committee appointed to wait on him, and request his attendance. And

Thereupon,

Proceeded to open the session, by solemn prayer and thanksgiving, to Almighty God; and after receiving the thanks of the House, through the chair, retired.

The members of the Senate then withdrew to the Senate chamber.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by the House of Representatives, to act with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and to inform him that a quorum of both Houses of the General Assembly have met, have elected their officers and are now ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make to them; and to learn from him at what time he will make such communication—that the Senate be informed thereof, and a similar committee on their part be requested. And,

That the House of Representatives have appointed Messrs Bassett, Oliver and Conner, that committee.

On motion of Mr. Pepper,

*Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed by the House of Representatives, as a committee of enrolled bills, to act with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Pepper and Hillis, were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Hurst,

*Resolved*, That the Doorkeeper of this House, be directed to procure for the use of the Speaker of this House, a common sized plain table, with a drawer, and a lock and key to the same.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Stapp, a member, announcing that the Senate have appointed a committee to act with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of this House, to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that both Houses of the General Assembly have convened and organized themselves, and are now ready to receive any communication he may think proper to make.

That the House of Representatives be informed of this resolution, and the appointment of a corresponding committee on their part, requested. And,

That Messrs. Stapp, Gregory and Milroy, have been appointed that committee, on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Bassett.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the unfinished business of the last session, and report to this House, the state and condition thereof.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Bassett, Noble and Palmer, were appointed that committee.

The Speaker laid before the House, the report of William Lowe, trustee of the Monroe county seminary fund; of Isaac Templeton, trustee of the Shelby county seminary fund; of John F. Siebenthal, trustee of the Switzerland county seminary fund, of Joseph Walker, trustee of the Dearborn county seminary fund; and the report of the clerk of Daviess county, on the subject of the seminary fund of said county, in the hands of Robert Oliver, trustee of said fund; and the report of the clerk of Vigo county, relative to the official conduct of John Campbell, trustee of the seminary fund of said county, approbating his conduct &c. and of V. Mitchell, trustee of the seminary fund of Union county, with the certificate of the clerk of said county, approbating his conduct; and of J. S. Francis, trustee of the Fayette seminary fund; and also the certificate of the clerk of Pike county, relative to the seminary fund of said county; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hurst,

*Resolved by the House of Representatives*, That seats be prepared on the right of the speaker, for the use of his Excellency, the Governor, the Secretary of State, the Auditor and Treasurer, the Supreme Judges, and the Presidents of the several Circuit Courts, and the District Judge, whenever they may think proper to occupy them, and that they be informed thereof.

Whereupon,  
The House adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 11th, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Armstrong, Brown, Crane, Palmer, Gard, Harris, Manu and Tadlock, a committee of elections.

Messrs. Nelson, Clendenin, Robb, Hillis, Armstrong, Beckes, Graham, Walker, Maxwell and Conner, a committee of Ways and Means.

Messrs. Hurst, Bassett, Nelson, Farrington, M'Cree-ry, Hiatt, Hendricks and Richardson, a committee on the Judiciary.

Messrs. Maxwell, Oliver, Hoover, Lomax, Worth, Langton, Huston and Claypool, a committee on Education.

Messrs. Posey, Oliver, Noble, Pepper, Johnson, Jackson of Dearborn, Irwin of Bartholomew and Conner, a committee on Military affairs.

Jesse Jackson, member from the county of Scott, appeared, was sworn into office by the Hon. William W. Wick, Pres't Judge of the 5th Judicial circuit, and took his seat.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Farnham, their assistant Secretary: Announcing, that the Senate have adopted the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives be informed, that the Senate concur in their resolution adopting the joint rules of last session for the government of the two Houses during the present session.

The Speaker laid before the House, the report of John M. Dickey, trustee of the Scott seminary fund; of Beal Butler, trustee of the Wayne seminary fund; the certificate of the clerk of Harrison county, relative to the seminary fund of said county in the hands of Edward B. Wilson, trustee; of John Ritchie, trustee of the Jefferson county seminary fund; of John Ally, trustee

of the Rush county seminary fund; of John Vawter, trustee of the Jennings county seminary fund; of Samuel Lewis, trustee of the Franklin county seminary fund; of Thomas Warnick, trustee of the Greene county seminary fund; and the report of the board of justices for the county of Scott, relative to the seminary fund of said county; which were severally read. And

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

Were, together with those presented to the House on yesterday, referred to the committee on education.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the secretary of state:

*To the Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

The secretary of state in obedience to the requisitions of the act respecting the public printing, respectfully reports, that the committee authorized for that purpose, have contracted with John Douglass for printing the Laws, Journals, &c. of the state for three years, at the following prices:

Composition, plain matter, 35 cents per 1,000 m's

Ruled and figured, double.

Press work, (medium and under,) 37 1-2 cents per token.

Do. do. royal, 40 cents per token.

Folding and stitching, 3 cents per copy.

The paper to be purchased by him for the state, adding to the original cost, the expense of its purchase and carriage.

A contract has also been made with Messrs. Landis and Bolton, for furnishing the present General Assembly with stationary and fuel, at the following prices:

Cap paper No. 1	\$4 00	per ream
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Letter post	4 00	do.
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And other articles of stationary, at a fair price.

Wood, at 62 1-2 cents per day.

I have the honor to be &c.

R. A. NEW. Sec'y of State.

S. C. STEVENS. Sp'r H. Rep.

A communication from Samuel Merrill, Treasurer of State, with accompanying documents, was laid before the House, by the Speaker, relative to the removal of the books, papers and furniture, belonging to the State, from Corydon, to Indianapolis; which were

read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from the Hon. W. W. Wick, President Judge of the 5th Judicial Circuit, relative to officers' fees, not provided for by law; which was read and referred to the judiciary committee.

The Speaker laid before the House, a presentment by the grand jury of Floyd County, relative to frivolous suits, &c.; which was read and referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Bassett, from the committee who were appointed by this House, to wait on his Excellency, the Governor, to act with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, reported, that they have performed the duty assigned them, and that his Excellency is now ready to make his communication to both Houses of the General Assembly, in the Representative Hall, by his private secretary, Charles H. Test; and that by the request of the committee, his Excellency will be present at the time the communication shall be made.

On motion of Mr. Hurst,

*Resolved*, That the Senate be invited to take their seats in the Hall of the House of Representatives, to receive the message of his Excellency, the Governor.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hurst invite the Senate.

The Senate came down from the Senate Chamber, and took their seats on the right of the Speaker's chair in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

His Excellency, the Governor, came in attended by the committee appointed to wait on him, and with the president of the Senate took his seat on the right of the Speaker.

His Excellency, then, by Mr. Test, his private secretary, delivered the following message, with accompanying documents:

Gentlemen of the Senate, and of the  
House of Representatives,

Having convened in Legislative capacity, for the furtherance of the great interests, which the constitution has entrusted to our care; it becomes my duty to "give to the Ge-

neral Assembly information of the affairs of state," and in aid of your deliberations, to exhibit to your view and recommend for your adoption, such measures as those interests seem to require. In examining our public concerns since the close of the last session, but little seems to have occurred, save that which is in its character public and equally manifest to all. The current of population from the neighbouring states, is daily giving us increase of numbers and improving the condition of agriculture, our great interest: The general prosperity of the state is advancing in a firm and steady pace, to numbers, to wealth, and to a grade of respectability among the states of the union; and what is *most* consoling, the health of the country, especially within the last year, is more improved than any other condition. The diseases incident to our climate and our soil have very much abated; in some districts have scarcely been known at all, and in others have prevailed with less severity than in former years. Considerations of this kind are well calculated to draw forth the warmest effusions of gratitude to the author of our being, from whom we receive health, fruitfulness of seasons, and the inestimable privileges of a free government.

In contemplating however the general prosperity of our country, we cannot pass by without notice, the scarcity of a circulating medium; the want of a market for our surplus produce, or what is generally termed the hardness of the times. But by way of remedy for these evils it is obvious that the Legislature have very little to do; for to Congress alone is reserved the power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several states." It is evident that causes exist for the situation of the country in this point of view, which are not of a local nature or within the control of a nation or a state. It was not to be expected that the tide of our national prosperity produced by the general convulsions of Europe, which gave to our agriculture a market and to our commerce and shipping interests, much of the carrying trade of the world, should forever continue to flow. It was reasonable to suppose, that the recent peace of Europe, which suddenly became almost as general as the war which had preceded it, would turn millions from the profession of arms to the pursuits of industry, and that the supplies of Europe furnished by themselves, would lessen their demand and our market for the products of agriculture. To these causes broad and extended as they certainly are, we may fairly attribute much of our own condition. It only remains for us to improve the means within our power; our roads and the great highways to the markets as they are. It is our business to increase facilities of inter-



course with each other, and with the neighbouring states; to make our internal and municipal regulations as perfect as possible; to encourage industry, and above all to economise our expenditures and lessen as much as possible at all times, the public burdens upon the people. In this way the Government as well as individuals, will best conform to the existing condition of affairs.

The melancholy occurrence of the murder of some Indians on the frontier settlements of the state, has been succeeded by the arrest and imprisonment, in the county of Madison, of several persons charged with such crime. The want of public buildings in that county, created the necessity of a guard and other expenses for the safe keeping of the prisoners. These expenses have been accumulating from the month of March last, the date of the unfortunate transaction, to the present time. Considering the newness of this county, the sparseness of its population and the deleterious effects of the case on its general prosperity, I have thought it my duty to recommend that the expenses incident thereto, and for which the county may be liable, be paid out of the State Treasury.

The farther details of this most unpleasant transaction require me to say, that James Hudson, one of the persons charged with the murder of Logan, an Indian chief, was at the last October term of the Madison circuit court, convicted and sentenced to be executed on the first day of December last; that previous to the day appointed for his execution he escaped from prison, and that he might not escape the punishment of his crimes by becoming a fugitive from justice, the time of his execution was, on the suggestion of the presiding judge and the prosecuting attorney of that court, respited and postponed until the twelfth of the present month.

But three days being allowed by law for the session of the court, no other of the prisoners have been tried. They are yet in custody awaiting their trial, for which purpose more time will be necessary than that at present allowed by law. Nor can I pass by the present occasion without expressing to you my strong conviction of the necessity of authorizing special sessions, for the delivery of the jails in vacation. Many, if not all objections to special courts, may be obviated by the details of legislation authorizing them. In all cases, and especially where the prisoner cannot procure bail, the genius and spirit of our institutions would say that his trial should not be so long delayed as it may be under the existing laws.

During the recess a vacancy took place in the presidency of the first judicial circuit. This was filled by an appointment which will expire at the end of the present session.

Agreeably to the provisions of "An act for the better management of the State Prison & for other purposes," Ira Westover Esq. was appointed superintendent of the Prison for three years from the fourth day of August last, under certain conditions and stipulations specified in his bond, which is filed in the office of the secretary of state. Believing from a report of the visitors appointed under the act, that a covering of the wall was necessary to preserve it from injury, Mr. Westover was encouraged to construct such covering and submit his claims for that service to the Legislature. It has been done under the notice of one of the members of the House of Representatives, who will be able to give every needful information respecting it.

I have received a communication from the Governor of Georgia accompanied by a resolution of the Legislature of that state, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which would prohibit "the importation or ingress of any person of color into any one of the United States, contrary to the laws of such state," and have also received from the states of Ohio and Maine, communications disapproving of the aforesaid resolution. These several communications have been accompanied with requests that they be laid before the General Assembly of this state.

I have also received from the Governor of Ohio, sundry resolutions, recommending to the legislatures of the several states and to the congress of the United States, a system providing for the gradual emancipation of slaves, and recommending the passage of an act by the General Government (with the consent of the slave holding states) by which the children of such persons, born after the passage of such act, should, on certain conditions be free at the age of twenty one years. These resolutions have also been accompanied with a request that they be laid before you.

Agreeably to the provisions of "An act for improving the navigation of the river Wabash" approved January 31, 1824, I have communicated to the Governor of Illinois a copy of the act and requested him to recommend to the legislature of that state the adoption of measures calculated to further the object.

By an act of Congress of the 26th of May last, the right of preemption to one quarter section of land in each new county of the states and territories in which there are public lands, is, on certain conditions granted to such counties for the establishment of seats of justice. That the benefit of this provision may be secured to the counties hereafter to be laid off in this state, an act of the legislature seems to be necessary.

By an act also of the last Session of Congress the state of Indiana is authorized to survey and mark through the public lands of the United States, the route of a canal by which to connect the navigation of the Wabash and the Miami of Lake Erie, reserving forever and vesting in the state, the use of ninety feet on each side thereof for the purposes aforesaid, and reserving also from sale during the pleasure of Congress, the sections through which such canal route may pass. As the public lands in that quarter of the state are understood to be surveyed and liable to be brought into market, whenever the pleasure of the President to that effect shall be made known, it is respectfully submitted, that the location of the route during the next summer be authorized by law. In this way only can the advantages of the reservations be secured to the state; for it is reasonable to suppose, that that district of country, important as it naturally is, and important as its improvement would be to the northern and western portions of the state, will speedily be brought into market. It is believed that this route must necessarily be located through some Indian reservations, made by the treaty of St. Mary's, and it is matter of doubt whether the right of soil thus vested in the grantees, would authorize a compact with them on the part of the state for that purpose. Should it be thought necessary to apply to Congress for power thus to stipulate with the grantees, there can be little doubt that such power would readily be given.

It is the duty of the various governments of this confederacy, to cultivate the most friendly understanding and intercourse with each other; the states with the General Government and among themselves. This produces harmony in our system and directs the force of all to the good of all. It is impossible to estimate too highly the importance of the object alluded to. This effected and the great northern avenue of commerce to the ocean and the lakes would be at once complete. An inland navigation from New York to New Orleans as well as to the northern lakes would at once be opened. This is an object in its character sufficiently national to demand the attention of the General Government. When we consider too the vast quantities of public lands to be greatly enhanced in value by the accomplishment of this work of internal improvement, we cannot doubt, that in the exercise of a magnanimous and judicious policy, Congress will, by donation to the state, of the sections thus reserved, aid our infant resources in constructing the canal. This donation would, it is believed, almost complete the work; would be repaid to the General Government in a ten fold proportion in the sale of the public lands, and

would give impulse to the improvement and prosperity of the state heretofore unknown.

I have received and submit for your information the report of a joint committee and sundry resolutions of the legislature of the state of Ohio, on the subject of a canal at the falls of the Ohio river. This report and these resolutions, are declaratory of the lively and deep interest which that state feels in the construction of such canal, and of their intention to unite, in the execution of such work, with one or the other of the states of Kentucky or Indiana.

A report of the commissioners appointed by the "Act providing for opening a canal at the falls of the Ohio" will shortly be laid before you. It is sanguinely hoped that the state of Ohio will ultimately unite with Indiana in the undertaking, and interest herself to such extent as to bring the object certainly within the means of this state. In that event, the most cautious and fearful, as to the magnitude of the undertaking would abandon their scruples, and estimate this work as connected, not only with the best interests, but with the revenue and reputation of the state.

An advance of a small portion of the three per cent. fund *without interest* would in that event enable the state to progress with the work. This would supersede the necessity of resorting to other means, and the canal once completed, its revenues would repay to that fund the whole amount thus obtained, and not retard its application to roads and other proper objects. Congress would probably agree to this proposition on the basis of a fair reciprocity: the state stipulating that the public property of the United States, should forever pass the canal toll free.

Of similar character to the canals just mentioned, is the construction of the National Road from Wheeling to the Mississippi, passing through the metropolis of our state. The location of this road is of the greatest importance to the north-western states. This object is directly within the purview of their compacts with the General Government, at the times of their admission into the Union, and two per cent of the sales of public lands within those states are set apart for such objects. Its location at this time through Indiana, assumes much additional importance, from the removal of the Government to Indianapolis, its permanent seat, and from the character of the central parts of the state, requiring more attention to roads than those districts of country bordering on the Ohio river and first settled. This road if once located, would, in addition to the funds in existence for its construction, attract the attention of the Legislature and the counties through which it might

pass, and would in a short time become not only useful, but ornamental to the State.

Some of these objects, it is true, are not fairly within the scope of our Legislative capacity. On some of them it would perhaps be nugatory to legislate. But it is competent at all times (and in these cases it would no doubt be useful) for the Legislature to express their opinions in relation to any great interest of the country, though that interest be subjected exclusively to the control of the General Government.

The financial operations of the last year, have been more successful, than was anticipated by the most sanguine. Of the \$19,000 supposed to be necessary to be procured by loan, only \$5,971 have actually been procured, and of this sum \$971 were Seminary funds unemployed in the Treasury. So greatly beneficial to the Treasury has the change of system been, that the current expenditures have been more easily and more promptly met with this amount, than they were the previous year by a reissue of \$15,000 of treasury notes; and with this additional advantage, that on the expenditures authorized by the last Legislature, the State has paid interest on \$5,971 only, while on that authorized by a previous session, interest has been paid on \$15,000. In addition to this, the public credit has been maintained, the currency restored to soundness, and much of the public expenditure economised in proportion as the currency has been rescued from depreciation.

The receipts into the Treasury during the year 1824 have amounted to \$40,435 94, by which the Treasury notes have been redeemed in good faith and the audited warrants paid, and there is now in the Treasury in available funds \$12,508.

The state debt amounted on the 1st January 1824, to \$27,044 19. On the 1st January 1825, it amounted, exclusive of interest, to \$17,499 17. This consists of \$4,655 Treasury Notes yet in circulation, \$5,971 loan, \$5,000 which the State owes to Roads and Canals, and \$1,873 17 on the bonds transferred to the Treasurer of the United States. The state debt at this time, exclusive of interest, exceeds the actual cash in the Treasury \$4,991 17.

The revenue assessed for the last year, after deducting the per cent for collection, amounted to \$39,294 86. Much of this sum has been paid in outstanding notes and audited warrants, but the residue thereof and balances of previous years, deducting also ten per cent for delinquent lists, are estimated as being sufficient to defray the current expenditures of the present year, to pay so much of the loan as becomes due, and discharge the balance due to the Treasurer of the United States. The current expenditures of the present year will

probably not exceed \$21,000, and on all expenses, contingent in their nature, we may confidently expect a reduction; for no one can for a moment doubt, that such expenses will be much less, when based on a metallic currency, than they have been on a depreciated paper system.

From this view of the finances we may fairly come to the conclusion, that the time has arrived, when we may safely lessen the burdens imposed on the community, for the support of the Government. In doing this however, we must be careful, not to expose the Treasury to future embarrassments, or the Legislature to the necessity of creating loans or reissuing Treasury Notes. And while the public expenditure ought to be regulated by the strictest economy, our receipts should be greater than our expenditures, and our authorised revenues competent to meet every contingency intervening the assessments and the final collections. We should also consider the objects likely to increase our expenses in future years and prepare the Treasury to meet them. Among these may be numbered the increase of representation which the next ratio may produce, and the commencement and progress of the public buildings at this place.

To meet the expenditures occasioned by the increase of representation, the increased quantities of land which will then be subject to taxation will be more than sufficient, and the proceeds of the sale of Public property at this place, will probably pay the last appropriation for the Court House, and meet the costs of the public buildings.

As the population of our country increases, so will increase our means and resources, which will hereafter be sufficient to pay off the small residue of the state debt, and in a very few more years authorize a further diminution of taxes.

Experience of the past year has shewn, that some further improvement is practicable in our revenue system. The procuring of maps of the counties from the land offices, if made obligatory upon the courts doing county business, would, it is believed greatly improve the revenue. This opinion is based upon the results already produced in the few counties where such maps have been procured. The per cent upon the collection too is believed, not to be sufficient. In some counties no collector was obtained for the last year. The great object in the collections is promptness and certainty. This will repay in a large proportion, a sufficient compensation to the collectors. Equal justice would also seem to require that collectors from distant counties should receive mileage to and from the Treasury. This might be made an additional inducement to punctuality, by authorizing it in favor of those only,

who should make final settlements at the Treasury, on or before the day prescribed by law.

Agreeably to the provisions of the constitution it is necessary that an enumeration of the white male inhabitants, above the age of twenty one years, should be made during the present year. For this it will be necessary that provision be made by law; and for this purpose little more will be necessary than to require, that persons insane and paupers be also noticed on the lists books.

The details of the militia law have been found insufficient, and in many cases there is no discretionary power vested to supply its defects. In contested elections no power exists to order a board of officers to meet a second time where they have failed to meet agreeably to orders. No power exists to order a second board to convene, nor is there any authority to order a new election in either of the above cases. A case has occurred in the first brigade in which all these difficulties have been met, and in which agreeably to the opinion of the attorney general, a commission must issue on the return, pending the contest, unless the Legislature provide a remedy.

In regiments formed of very detached settlements, convenience would no doubt be consulted, by authorizing elections of field officers to be held in various battalions of such regiments, and by authorizing the battalions of such regiments, to drill separately in the month of October as well as that of May.

In the cavalry it is believed that a better organization and a greater degree of military spirit would be introduced by the formation of squadrons in the various Brigades or Divisions under proper commands and suitable regulations as to the drill.

In noticing the prominent interests of the country submitted to the care of the Legislature, I cannot pass by the improvements necessary for the residence of the Government at this place. It is true that not much at this time seems to be within the power of the Legislature on the subject. The ordinary revenues of the state have very properly been pledged for the payment of the current expenses of the Government, and of the state debt, and the proceeds of the sales of public property at this place, have been looked to for the completion of the public buildings. The good management of this fund is in a special manner incumbent on the Legislature. Public faith stands pledged to the purchasers of property in various parts of the Town, that the public buildings contemplated on the Circle and the State House Squares should be commenced as soon as practicable. In this policy will be consulted alike the interests of purchasers and of the state; for the commencement of the public buildings will afford strong inducements to the com.



pletion of payments, the prevention of forfeitures and the increase of the means to finish the work. These buildings should for the present be commenced and completed as the funds alluded to will authorize.

Among the improvements before alluded to, there is none more deserving of attention than a State Library. Many valuable books already belong to the State, and if some regulations for their use and preservation should be made with only a moderate annual allowance for their increase, they would soon constitute a respectable collection.

It will afford me great pleasure to co-operate with you in every measure calculated to promote the public good.

WILLIAM HENDRICKS.

January 11, 1825.

The Senate then retired to their chamber.

On motion of Mr. Posey,

Reading the documents accompanying the message of his Excellency the Governor, was dispensed with.

The Speaker laid before the House, the Report of John Matthews, trustee of the Morgan county semi-annual fund, which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Richardson, presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Posey, Gibson and Warrick, praying the location of a road from Harmony, in Posey county, by Cynthiann and the Polk Patch, to intersect a road leading to Corydon; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

*Resolved*, That a standing committee on roads be appointed.

Whereupon,

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Maxwell, Erwin, Wallace, of Daviess and Martin, Worth, Beckes, Gard, Conner and Farrington, that committee.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

The petition of the inhabitants of Posey, Gibson and Warrick was referred to the standing committee on roads.

Mr. Graham, presented the petition of Seth Woodruff, M. C. Fitch and Henry Turner of Floyd county, praying certain relief, therein named; which was read

and referred to a select committee, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Graham, Jackson of Scott, Harris and Nelson, that committee.

Mr. Posey, presented the memorial of Eliam Willis and others, citizens of Harrison county, on the subject of reducing the fees of clerks, sheriffs and other officers therein named ;

Which was read and referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Pepper, presented the petition of David Fisher and others, relative to practicing Physicians,

Which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Richardson, Oliver, Maxwell and Jackson of Scott.

Mr. Robertson, presented the petition of Daniel B. Fryor and others, citizens of Hendricks county, praying a law to be passed legalizing the proceedings of the county board of Justices of Hendricks county ;

Which was read and referred to a select committee, of Messrs. Robertson, M'Intyre and M'Mahan, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Oliver, presented the petition of Joseph S. Allen and others, praying for the vacation of a certain state road therein named ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Noble, presented the petition of Mary Osborn and others, praying authority to convey certain real estate, therein named ;

Which was read and referred to a select committee, of Messrs. Noble, Lomax and Wallace of Orange.

Whereupon,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

*2 o'clock P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Hillis,

*Resolved*, That the public printer be directed to print five hundred copies of the Message of the Go-

vernor, for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Robb,

*Resolved*, That the message of his Excellency, the Governor, with the accompanying documents, be referred to a committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Friday next.

Mr. Tadlock, presented the petition of E. M'Pherson, and others, praying for the location of a road from Bone in Lawrence county, to Livonia in Washington county, and from thence to Levenworth's mill in Crawford county ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Oliver, presented the petition of Thomas Shank, and others, praying an alteration in a certain state road therein named ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Claypool, presented the Petition of James Case and others, praying a change in part of the state road leading from Connorsville to Greensburgh ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

And also the remonstrance of Abarathar Hathaway and others, against changing the same ; which was also read and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Farrington presented the petition of John Mann and others, praying a change in a certain state road therein named ; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Hillis presented the petition of Alexander Jameson and others, praying a change in the road leading from Madison to Greensburgh ; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of James Weir and others, praying a change in a certain part of the state road leading from Jacob's Ford on Silver-creek, to the State Ford on the Muscatituck ; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. M'Intyre presented the remonstrance of Jacob

Horner and others, against changing a certain part of the state road leading from New-Albany to Paoli; and

Mr. Graham, presented the remonstrance of Seth Woodruff and others, against changing said road; which were read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Claypool, presented the petition of Allen Crisler and others, praying a change in the state road leading from Sand Run in Franklin county, by Fairfield and Summerset to Rushville in Rush county; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Robb, presented the petition of John R. Montgomery, collector for Gibson county, for the year 1823, praying to have certain monies refunded him, which was improperly paid into the state Treasury; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Robb, Posey and Hiatt.

Mr. Farrington, presented the petition of Isaac Shelby and others, praying the formation of a new county, north of the counties of Parke and Vermillion, to be called "*Fairfield*" county; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Farrington, Hoover and Jackson, of Dearborn.

Mr. Wallace, of Daviess and M. presented the petition of Amory Kinney and others, praying for the vacation of a certain state road therein named; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

*Resolved*, That the regular hours of meeting for this House, shall be at nine o'clock A. M. and two o'clock P. M. unless otherwise ordered by the House.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

*Resolved*, That all the acts in force relative to roads, and all petitions and applications concerning roads, which may hereafter be made during the present session, be referred to the standing committee on roads, with instructions to inquire as to the radical defects existing in our road system, and to devise, if possible, means by which the General Assembly may be relieved from the extraordinary burden of legislating thereon; with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

Mr. Nelson was added to the standing committee on roads.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report to this House, a bill providing for taking the 2d census or enumeration of the white *free* male inhabitants, above the age of 21 years, in this state, agreeable to the 2d Sec. of the 3d Ar. of the constitution of this state.

Whereupon,

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Palmer, Wallace of Orange, and M'Mahan, that committee.

On motion of Mr. Beckes,

*Resolved*, That a committee of five members be appointed to inquire into the expediency of granting relief to the collectors of revenue, for the 5 per cent. incurred in consequence of the payment not having been made at the Treasury, on the second Monday of December last; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Beckes, Noble, Bassett, Posey and Brown, that committee.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

*Resolved*. That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what alterations are necessary to be made in the present existing law, regulating the mode of doing county business; with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Bassett, Erwin, of Lawrence, Graham and Farrington, that committee.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the Auditor of public accounts be requested to furnish this House with a statement exhibiting the number of acres of land returned for taxation from the county of Franklin, for the years 1822, 1823 and 1824, with the amount of revenue for each year.

On motion of Mr. Noble.

*Resolved*, That the committee of ways and means, be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revenue law, that it will be the duty of the as-

sessors of the several counties within this state, to report for taxation, all lands within their respective counties, on which the five years have elapsed by the 20th day of October, of the year for which they are or may be appointed.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

*Resolved*, That the doorkeeper of this House, be directed to procure on the best terms he can, the following articles for the use of this House, to wit: 2 pair of Andirons, 1 pair shovel and tongs, 2 buckets, 2 pitchers, 1 doz. tumblers, 1 watering pot, 2 brooms, 1 dust brush, and 1 doz. candlesticks.

Whereupon,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 12, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker presented the petition of Joseph Warner and others, heirs of Benjamin Warner, dec'd, by H. Collins, their attorney, praying certain relief therein named; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House, the certificate of the clerk of Marion county, relative to the seminary fund of said county; which was referred to the committee on education.

Mr. M'Intyre presented the petition of John M'Grew and others, praying certain relief named in the petition; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Jackson of Dearborn, presented the petition of Thomas Townsend, praying certain relief for damages done his farm, in running the state road from Lawrenceburgh to Indianapolis, through the same; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Gard presented the petition of John D. List and others, citizens of Switzerland county, praying new

commissioners to be appointed to re-locate the state road leading from opposite the mouth of Kentucky river, to Versailles, in Ripley county; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Langton presented the petition of R. Buntin, of Knox county, praying a law to pass authorizing him to collect arrearages of fees due him as late clerk of said county; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Langton, Clendenin and Claypool, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of John Brown and others, of Union county, praying the reduction of the salary and pay of all the officers of government; which was read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Gard presented the petition of Israel R. Whitehead, late collector of Switzerland county, praying certain relief named in the petition; which was read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Robertson presented the petition of Jonathan Birch and others, praying the formation of a new county out of the counties of Montgomery and Wabash—which was read and referred to the same committee to whom was referred a petition on the same subject, presented on yesterday, by Mr. Farrington. And

On motion,

Mr. Robertson, was added to the same committee.

Mr. Farnham, delivered the following message from the Senate.

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the House of Representatives be informed that the Senate have elected James B. Ray, their president pro tempore.

And he then withdrew.

Mr. Crane, presented the petition of Jonas Crane and others, of Jackson county, praying the location of a certain state road, named in the petition; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Beckes, presented the petition of William Hulbert and others, citizens of Knox county, relative to



the navigation of the river Wabash ; which was read and referred to the committee of the whole, to whom was referred the message of his Excellency, the Governor.

Mr. Robertson, presented the remonstrance of Joseph Scott and others, of Montgomery county, against the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Montgomery and Wabash ; which was read and referred to the same committee to whom was referred the petition on that subject.

Mr. Irwin of Bartholomew, presented the petition of Daniel Musselmen and others, praying a change in that part of the state road leading from Mauk's ferry to Indianapolis, which lies between 4 miles south, and 10 miles north of the Driftwood Fork of White river; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Brown, presented the petition of Henry C. Hammond and others, citizens of Union county, praying the East Fork of White Water may be declared a public highway ; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Oliver, presented the petition of Ruth Brooks, of Franklin county, praying to be divorced from her husband, George W. Brooks ; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Oliver, Noble, Crane and Hendricks.

Mr. Gard, presented the petition of John James Dufour and others, praying a change in a certain part of the state road leading from Madison to Vevay and Rising Sun, and to Lawrenceburgh, accompanied with a transcript of the record and proceedings of the Switzerland circuit court, relative thereto ; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Palmer presented the remonstrance of H. E. Patton and others, citizens of Jefferson county, against changing the state road leading from Madison to Greensburgh ; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Farnham, announcing that the Senate have adopted the following resolution;

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives be informed that the Senate will meet that House in the Representative Hall, this day at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a Senator of the United States, a Secretary of State, and a President Judge of the fourth judicial circuit, in the place of the Hon. J. R. E. Goodlett, whose term of service has expired, and that the House of Representatives be requested to pass a similar resolution.

Mr. Palmer, presented the petition of Charles Stewart and others, of Jefferson county, praying the repeal of the law, incorporating Congressional townships; and also, the petition of Daniel Sullivan and others, on the same subject; which were read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Noble, presented the petition of George L. Murdock and others, citizens of Franklin county, praying a review of the state road leading from Versailles to Brookville, and the petition of John M'Clean and others, on the same subject; which were read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Noble, Walker and Huston.

Mr. Beckes, presented a bill supplemental to the act entitled "An act regulating the practice in suits at law,"—approved Jan. 30th 1824; read first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Conner, presented a bill legalizing the proceedings of courts doing county business in the counties of Marion, Hamilton and Allen; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Wallace of Orange,

*Resolved*, That the Judiciary committee be and they are hereby requested to report a bill authorizing justices of the peace to issue writs of *ne exeat*, in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. Hurst,

*Resolved*, That this House, will to-day at two o'clock, P. M. proceed to the election of a Senator of the United States, a Secretary of State, and a president Judge of the fourth judicial circuit, in the place of the Hon. J. R. E. Goodlett, whose term of service has expired,

and that the Senate be informed thereof, and that this House have appointed Mr. Robb teller on their part.

Ordered that Mr. Hurst, inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Beckes, offered the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to report a bill amendatory to the act passed at the last session, subjecting real and personal estate to execution, so as to draw the proper distinction between debts contracted previously, and those contracted after the passage of said act.

Mr. Palmer then moved to amend said resolution by adding the following, after the word act: "and thatt he same committee also make such provisions. that real estate to be sold on execution, on debts contracted previous to the first day of January, 1823, shall bring half its appraised value.

Mr. Pepper then moved to lay the same on the table; which was decided in the negative.

On the question being put, will the House adopt said amendment? the same was decided in the negative.

On the question being put by the speaker, will the House adopt the resolution as offered by Mr. Beckes? The ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Beckes and Hurst, are as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Claypool, Harris, Hillis, Jackson of Dearborn, Mann, M'Mahan, Palmer and Walker—9.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin of L. Farrington, Graham, Gard, Hendricks, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Hiatt, Irwin of Bartholomew, Jackson of Scott, Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Maxwell, M'Creery, M'Intyre, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Posey, Richardson, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of Orange, Worth and Stevens, speaker—36.

So said resolution was not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wallace of Daviess and Martin,

*Resolved*, That the committee of ways and means, be instructed to inquire what amendments, if any, are necessary to be made to the Revenue law, passed at the last session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Hillis moved that the House adjourn until two o'clock P. M.

Which was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Farrington,

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives do go into the election of a President Judge of the first judicial circuit, at the time that the election of a President Judge of the fourth judicial circuit and other officers is held; that the Senate be informed thereof and their concurrence requested.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Farrington inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence.

Mr. Hurst presented a bill to authorize the taxation of all lands, the exemption of which, from taxation, ceases on or before the first day of October next; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of vacating the alleys in squares numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 93, 94, 95, 96, 98, 99, 100, 81 and 82, on the original plan of the town of Indianapolis, and offering said squares, together with squares numbered 110, 92, 80, 84, 85, 97, 83, 101, for sale in lieu of the out-lots, which were authorized to be laid out and sold, by the second and third sections of a law of the state, entitled "An act giving further powers to the agent for the state, at Indianapolis: approved: January 31, 1824;" with leave to report by bill or otherwise. Which,

On motion,

Was referred to the committee of the whole, to whom was referred the Governor's message.

Mr. Nelson proposed the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to enquire whether any amendment can be made to

the execution law, so that without tying up the hands of creditors, the property of debtors may not be sacrificed for a nominal value ; which was not adopted.

Mr. Palmer proposed the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the clerks of this House be directed to make entry of all motions and resolutions which may be offered by any member, whether the same be adopted or not, if the same be requested by the member offering the same.

Mr. Maxwell then moved to amend the resolution by striking out from the word if, in the fourth line, which carried in the affirmative. The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolution as amended, which was carried in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of Scott,  
The house adjoured until 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

John Richey, member from the county of Ripley, appeared, produced his certificate of election, was sworn into office by the Hon. William W. Wick, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Posey,

*Resolved*, That the door keeper be instructed to have the front railing on each side of the Speaker's chair removed.

On motion of Mr. Pepper,

*Resolved*, That the committee on education be instructed to enquire whether a provision appointing commissioners in each township, with authority to lease the school sections for the term of            years, would not conduce to the preservation of the timber, and increase the revenue arising from the same.

Mr. Farnham delivered the following message from the Senate :

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have refused to concur in the resolution of the House of Representatives to go into an election of President Judge of the first Judicial Circuit, at the

time the other elections are held. And he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Posey,

*Resolved*, That the Senate be informed that the House of Representatives are now waiting to receive them in their Hall, for the purpose of going into an election of one Senator in the Congress of the United States, one Secretary of State, and one President Judge in the room of the Hon. J. R. E. Goodlett, President Judge of the fourth judicial circuit in this state.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Posey inform the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have appointed Mr. Montgomery, teller on their part, for the elections to be entered into by the resolutions of both houses on this day. And he then withdrew.

The Senate came down into the Hall of the House of Representatives and took their seats, on the right of the Speaker's Chair, in seats provided for them, and the President of the Senate took his seat also on the right of the Speaker.

Both Houses then proceeded, by joint ballot, to the election of a Senator in the Congress of the United States, and after counting the ballots, it appeared that Isaac Blackford had 26 votes, William Hendricks 25 votes, Jonathan Jennings 10 votes, scattering 1 vote.

No one having a majority of the whole number of votes given, the two Houses then proceeded to a second ballot, after counting which, it appeared that Isaac Blackford had 30 votes, William Hendricks 29 votes, Jonathan Jennings 2 votes, scattering 1 vote.

Neither of the candidates having received a majority of the whole number of votes given, the Houses then proceeded to a third balloting, and after counting the same it appeared that Isaac Blackford had 30 votes, and William Hendricks had 31 votes, scattering one vote.

Neither of the persons as yet, having a majority of the whole number of votes given, the Houses proceeded to a fourth balloting, and after counting the same,

it appeared that William Hendricks had 32 votes, and Isaac Blackford 30 votes. Mr. Hendricks having a majority of the whole number of votes given, the President of the Senate announced, in the presence of both Houses, that William Hendricks was duly elected a Senator in the Congress of the United States, for the term of six years from and after the fourth day of March next.

The two Houses then proceeded by joint ballot, to the election of a Secretary of State, in the room of R. A. New, whose term of service has expired, and after an inspection of the ballots, it appeared that James B. Slaughter had 10 votes, William W. Wick 11 votes, Enoch D. John 8 votes, William Sheets 4 votes, Alexander S. Burnett 8 votes, Isaac N. Hanna 5 votes, John H. Farnham 11 votes, Benjamin J. Blythe 7 votes, scattering 1 vote.

Neither of the candidates having a majority of the whole number of votes given, the Houses then proceeded to a second balloting; after counting which, it appeared that James B. Slaughter had 9 votes, William W. Wick 16 votes, Enoch D. John 14 votes, William Sheets 3 votes, Alexander S. Burnett 1 vote, Isaac N. Hanna 2 votes, John H. Farnham 10 votes, Benjamin J. Blythe 7 votes.

No one as yet having a majority of the whole number of votes given, the two Houses then proceeded to a third balloting; after counting which, it appeared that James B. Slaughter had 11 votes, William W. Wick 24 votes, Enoch D. John 18 votes, William Sheets 3 votes, Alexander S. Burnett 2 votes, John H. Farnham 3 votes.

Neither of the candidates yet having a majority of the whole number of votes given, a fourth ballot was taken; after counting which, it appeared that James B. Slaughter had 10 votes, William W. Wick 24 votes, Enoch D. John 24 votes, and William Sheets 4 votes.

Neither of the candidates having a majority of the whole number of votes given, the Senate retired to their chamber without coming to an election.

Whereupon,  
The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

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THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 13, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

*Resolved*, That the Senate be informed that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Representative Hall, for the purpose of proceeding with the election of a Secretary of State, and other officers, in pursuance of the resolution of yesterday, and that seats are assigned them on the right of the Speaker's chair.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The Senate came down into the Representative Hall, and took their seats on the right of the Speaker's chair, and the President of the Senate on the right of the Speaker, when the two Houses proceeded by joint ballot in the election of a Secretary of State, and after a fifth ballot being had, it appeared that William W. Wick had 28 votes, Enoch D. John 22 votes, James B. Slaughter 9 votes, and John H. Farnham 2 votes; a majority of the whole number of votes not being given to any one of the candidates, the two Houses then proceeded to a sixth ballot, on examining which, it appeared that William W. Wick had 33 votes, Enoch D. John 27 votes, and James B. Slaughter 2 votes. William W. Wick having received a majority of the whole number of votes given, was, by the President of the Senate, in presence of both Houses, declared duly elected Secretary of State, for the term of four years, from and after the time he shall be sworn into office.

The two Houses then proceeded by joint ballot, to the election of a President Judge of the 4th judicial circuit, in the place of the hon. James R. E. Goodlett,



whose term of service has expired; and after examining the ballots it appeared that James R. E. Goodlett had 40 votes, and Charles J. Battell had 22 votes. James R. E. Goodlett having received a majority of the whole number of votes given, was, by the President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, declared duly elected President Judge of the 4th judicial circuit, for the term of seven years, from and after the time he shall be sworn into office.

The Senate then retired to their chamber.

Mr. Farnham informed this House that the Senate have appointed Messrs. Rariden and Ewing a committee on enrolled bills.

Mr. Conner, presented the petition of Nathan Wheeler, executor, and Ann Thompson, executrix of the last will and testament of Alexander Thompson, deceased, praying authority to sell and convey certain real estate for the benefit of the infant heirs of the said Thompson, deceased; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Conner, Hurst and Johnson, with leave to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Nelson, presented the petition of John Ewing, attorney in fact, of Lawrence Bazadon, late of Knox county, praying this General Assembly, to use their exertion on the part of the petitioner, to procure of Congress, payment for certain property, seized by General George Rogers Clark, for the use of his troops whilst commanding a military post at Vincennes, in the year 1786; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Nelson, Mann and Tadlock.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ewing, a member: Announcing that the Senate have adopted a joint resolution on the subject of extending relief to the purchasers of public lands, in which he asked the concurrence of this House.

And he then withdrew.

The same was read the first and second times, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Conner presented the remonstrance of Elijah Johnson and others, citizens of Daviess county, against the petition of Amoy Kinley and others, presented on

Tuesday by Mr. Wallace of D. & M., against changing the road named in the petitioner's petition; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Huston presented the petition of Joel Combs, collector of Washington county, praying further time to collect the the revenue of the state in said county, and to be relieved from the payment of the 5 per cent. in consequence of his failure to pay the same in time; which was read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Robb, presented the petition of Arthur Johnson and others, citizens of Posey and Gibson counties, praying the repeal of a law passed last session of the Legislature, authorizing the location of a new road from Springfield to Owensville by Cynthiana, and to have the old road continued; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Robb, M'Creery, Johnson and Richardson.

Mr. Richardson, presented the remonstrance of Job Tillet and others, against granting the prayer of the petition of Arthur Johnson and others; which was read and referred to the same committee to whom was referred the petition of Arthur Johnson and others.

Mr. Palmer, presented the petition of James Vawter of Jefferson county, praying further relief as former collector of said county; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Palmer, Pepper, and Graham.

Mr. Armstrong, from the committee on that subject, reported, that

The committee of elections, to whom was referred the certificates of the returned members of this House, have had the same under their consideration, and find the following gentlemen duly elected, and entitled to their seats in this House, viz.

*From the county of Washington*—Robert M'Intyre and Alexander Huston.

*From the county of Floyd*—John K. Graham.

*From the county of Jennings*—John Walker.

*From the county of Jefferson*—Nathan B. Palmer.

*From the county of Union*—Thomas Brown.

*From the county of Switzerland—Stephen O. Stevens and William Gard.*

*From the County of Vanderburgh and part of Warrick—John M'Crary.*

*From the counties of Perry, Spencer, Dubois and so much of Warrick county as is included in Luce township—William M'Mahan.*

*From the county of Clark—Reubin W. Nelson and William G. Armstrong.*

*From the county of Franklin—Noah Noble and David Oliver.*

*From the county of Jackson—Obediah M. Crane.*

*From the county of Pike—John Johnson.*

*From the county of Gibson—David Robb.*

*From the county of Posey—James H. Richardson.*

*From the county of Crawford—Elisha Tadlock.*

*From the county of Harrison—Thomas Posey and Benjamin Hurst.*

*From the county of Bartholomew—Benjamin Irwin.*

*From the counties of Marion, Johnson, Madison and Hamilton—John Conner.*

*From the county of Scott—Jesse Jackson.*

*From the county of Monroe—David H. Maxwell.*

*From the county of Dearborn—Abel C. Pepper, Horace Bassett and Ezekiel Jackson.*

*From the counties of Putnam, Montgomery and Hendricks—Amos Robertson.*

*From the counties of Henry, Rush, Decatur and Shelby—Thomas Hendricks.*

*From the counties of Owen, Greene and Morgan—Daniel Harris*

*From the county of Sullivan—Josiah Mann.*

*From the county of Knox—Benjamin V. Beckes and Daniel Langton.*

*From the counties of Vigo, Parke, and Vermillion—James Farrington.*

*From the counties of Daviess and Martin—William Wallace.*

*From the county of Fayette—Newton Claypool.*

*From the county of Orange—John G. Clendenin and Alexander Wallace.*

*From the county of Lawrence—William Erwin.*

*From the county of Wayne—Abel Lomax, Henry Hoover and Eleazer Hiatt.*

*From the counties of Randolph and Allen—Daniel Worth.*

*From the county of Ripley—John Ritchey.*

The committee would observe, for the consideration of the House, that they have no return before them of the election of one of the members from the county of Jefferson; but, it is represented by a member of this committee, that he has a knowledge of the election of David Hillis, from said county, and has seen, in the clerk's office of said county, a certificate of the election of Mr. Hillis; which was read and unanimously concurred in.

On motion,

Mr. Hillis is received and acknowledged as one of the Representatives of the county of Jefferson.

Mr. Robb from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John R. Montgomery, collector of the state and county revenue of the county of Gibson for the year 1823, reported a bill for his relief, which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Fryor and others, praying a law to pass legalizing the proceedings of the county court of justices, for the county of Hendricks, reported a bill in pursuance of the prayer of the petitioners, which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

The bill legalizing the proceedings of the courts doing county business in the counties of Marion, Hamilton and Allen, was read the second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Irwin of B.

Referred to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Bassett presented a bill to repeal certain parts of an act therein named; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Wallace of Orange presented a bill extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace to one hundred dollars in civil cases, which was read the first time and

passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to enquire what omissions, mistakes and deficiencies have occurred in the revision of the laws, which are necessary to be supplied by amendment; with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Wallace of Orange,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to enquire into the necessity of making some amendments to the law regulating the taking up of animals going estrays, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Wallace of O., Harris and Worth were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Hoover,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire if any, and what amendments are necessary in the act regulating probate courts.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Hoover, Huston, Bassett and Brown were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

*Resolved*, That the military committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of supplying a fifteenth brigade of Indiana militia, which in the laws of last session appears to have been left a blank.

On motion of Mr. Posey,

Mr. Jackson of Scott was added to the judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Erwin of L.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire if any, and what amendments ought to be made to the special act of 1818, authorizing the county of Dubois, and other counties therein named, to form county libraries.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Erwin of L. M'Intyre and Ritchey were appointed that committee.

The bill authorizing the taxation of all lands, the exemption of which, from taxation, ceases on or before the

first day of October next, was read the second time and committed to the committee of ways and means.

The bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act regulating the practice in suits at law," approved January 30th, 1824, was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole to-morrow.

Whereupon,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Nelson presented the petition of Ira Westover, keeper of the state prison, praying remuneration for certain work done by him on said prison, with documents accompanying the same; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ritchey presented the remonstrance of John M<sup>r</sup>. Lean and others, against changing the road leading from Versailles to Brookville; which was read and referred to the same committee to whom was referred the petition of George L. Murdock and others, for changing said road, and Mr. Ritchey was added to said committee.

Mr. Graham from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Nath Woodruff, M. C. Fitch and others, reported a bill for the relief of the petitioners, which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Beckes from the select committee to whom was referred the resolution of this House, relative to the relief of collectors of the state revenue for the year 1824, reported a bill for the relief of the collectors of revenue for the year 1824; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Clendenin, from the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of R. Buntin, late clerk of Knox county, reported a bill for the relief of the peti-

tioner; which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Palmer, from the select committee, to whom was referred the resolution of this House, relative to taking an enumeration of the free white male inhabitants over the age of twenty one years, in this State, reported a bill to provide for taking an enumeration of the free white male inhabitants over the age of twenty one years; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from his Excellency, the Governor:

*Indianapolis, January 14th, 1825.*

Sir—Permit me to inform you, and through you the House of Representatives, that a vacancy has occurred in the Presidency of the fifth Judicial Circuit, by the resignation of the Hon. William W. Wick.

With the greatest respect,

**WILLIAM HENDRICKS.**

The Hon. STEPHEN C. STEVENS, Sp'r H. Rep.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing for the speedy trial of Joseph Carter, a man of colour, of Floyd county, who has been confined in prison since May last, charged with the murder of ——— Martin, a man of colour.

On motion of Mr. Pepper,

*Resolved*, That the Judiciary committee be, and they are hereby instructed to enquire whether any alteration in the judicial districts, or circuit courts in this State is necessary, and whether the creation of a new circuit would contribute to the means of administering justice, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Claypool offered the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending

the 13th section of an act, entitled "An Act regulating the jurisdiction and duties of justices of the peace," approved January 30th, 1824, as to make it discretionary with the justice, whether the judgements shall be opened, and a new trial granted or not, unless application be made within a limited time.

On motion of Mr. Hillis,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the confessing of judgments, to the amount of two hundred dollars, before a justice of the peace.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

*Resolved*, That the public printer be, and he is hereby authorized to print five hundred copies of the journals of this House, for the use of the members thereof, to be distributed as may be directed by the General Assembly, and that the clerk furnish said printer daily, with manuscript copies of said journal.

Mr. Hurst offered a joint resolution on the subject of offering a premium to any person, who shall present to the next General Assembly, the best system of education, which system shall be in accordance with the several acts of Congress, granting to this State, seminary lands; which was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Posey,

*Resolved*, That the committee of ways and means be, and they are hereby requested to report a bill, amendatory to the act now in force, regulating taverns, prohibiting all persons from selling spiritous liquors, under the pretence of giving it, and at the same time receiving compensation for an apple, cake, or any other article, in order to evade the expense of obtaining a license to retail the same.

Mr. Palmer offered the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to report to this House, a bill providing for the appointment of prosecuting attorneys for each county, in this State, and to repeal the statute passed at the last



session of the General Assembly, authorizing the appointing of district prosecutors.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Milroy, a member: Announcing that the Senate have adopted the following preamble and resolution, in which he asked the concurrence of this House.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, in common with their fellow citizens, feel the most lively interest in whatever relates to the illustrious Lafayette, now on a visit to the United States, and would cordially unite with the American people, in grateful demonstrations of respect to this early and consistent friend of American liberty, and the rights of man:

Therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, on the part of the Senate, to act with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to take into consideration the propriety of expressing the sentiments of the General Assembly, in reference to Major General Lafayette, with leave to report by resolution or otherwise; that the House of Representatives be informed of the passage of this resolution, and a similar one on their part requested, and that the committee on the part of the Senate consist of Messrs. Milroy, Montgomery, Thompson, Graham, Gregory, and Stapp; and

On motion,

The House concurred unanimously in the above resolution, and appointed Messrs. Nelson, Maxwell, Conner, Posey, Hurst, Robb, Farrington, Noble, Irwin of B., Harris, Bassett and Brown a committee, on their part.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from Samuel Merrill, Esq. Treasurer of State:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, JAN. 13, 1825.

SIR,

Herewith is transmitted the annual report required from this Department, to be laid before the House of Representatives:

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Yours, &c.

SAM'L MERRILL.

HON. S. C. STEVENS, Sp'r H. Rep.

To the Hon. S. C. Stevens,

Speaker H. Representatives,

SIR,

The Treasurer, in obedience to the directions of the act, entitled "An act concerning the auditor of public accounts and treasurer of state," respectfully submits the following report of the public revenue and expenditure, from Nov. 29, 1823, to December 31, 1824:

Amount on hand at the last annual report,	\$1,733 98
Payments during the above period for assessments	
for the year 1817,	112 00
" 1821,	175 00
" 1822,	1,158 56
" 1823,	22,736 39
" 1824,	26,586 30
Loans, exclusive of seminary fund on hand last year	5,550 00
Receipts of superintendents of salt lick reserves,	111 65
Penalties recovered of Messrs. Bradford & Moore,	
former collectors of Clark county,	62 76
Collections of unlisted property and delinquents,	153 48
Payment by John Carr, late agent for Indianapolis,	85 50
By the present agent,	4,974 25
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	63,459 87

During the same period the following sums have been paid at the treasury:

For public printing	\$2,769 84
For contingent expenses,	660 10
For expenses of the last General Assembly, and such special appropriations as come under no general head,	12,000 08
For claims on account of the seat of Government,	5,341 75
For interest on treasury notes,	905 75
Interest to Rapp,	291 00
For claims on account of state prison,	3,614 76
For warrant No. 196 given to John Turner for wolf scalps,	112 00
For expenses of presidential election,	232 59
To the officers of the Judiciary,	6,999 23
To the officers of the Executive department,	3,050 00
To the Attorney General,	250 00

To the Adjutant General,	-	125 00
Amount in the Treasury,	-	26,587 78
		<hr/> 63,439 87

The warrants outstanding on the first day of January inst., were nineteen in number; on which the sum due on Legislative claims, was \$264 20; on Judiciary, \$595 48; on state prison, \$103 00; to Electors, \$40 33; to Circuit Prosecutors, \$214 50; amounting in all to \$1,217 53.

The demands against the Treasury, that will arise during the present year in addition to the above, are

Treasury notes in circulation,	-	\$4565 00
Supposed interest on same,	-	300 00
Instalment of loan to Rapp, and interest,		1,300 00
United States assignees of Vincennes bank,		2,210 34
Current expenditures, same as lowest year for three years past,	-	<hr/> 20,970 56

Total,	-	\$30,603 43
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The cash on hand, deducting \$15,435 00 Treasury notes, is 11,152 78. After deducting delinquencies returned, and commissions on the assessments of 1824, the amount unpaid on the 1st January instant, was about \$9,000 00. Of this sum, at least \$1,000 more in delinquencies will be returned. Of the balances due on the first of January 1824, \$13,736 42 have since been paid. The remainder of those balances then thought to be secure, added to what may still be expected from the revenue of 1824, will make the credits of the State about \$15,000. Should the collection of this sum progress as heretofore, \$9,000 of it may be expected to be paid in the year 1825. The anticipations of the revenue of the year 1825 will therefore be at least eleven thousand dollars, and that sum will be considerably increased, should the expenses of this year equal those of either of the two past years. The payments into the Treasury since the first Jan. inst. to this date, (the 13th,) amount to \$4,613 38. This, with what was previously paid, satisfies the amount charged against the counties of Allen, Wayne, Union, Fayette, Franklin, Ripley, Jennings, Clark, Floyd, Spencer, Warrick, Gibson, Knox, Daviess, Martin, Sullivan, Parke, Montgomery, Marion, Morgan, Johnson, Hamilton and Shelby. Small sums only are due from the counties of Randolph, Dearborn, Switzerland, Jefferson, Harrison, Washington, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, Crawford, Dubois, Pike, Posey, Greene, Owen, Decatur, Bartholomew, and Scott. The counties which have yet paid nothing, are

Hendricks, Henry, Madison, Perry, Putnam, Rush and Vermillion.

The suit against the late treasurer, is yet undecided; having been twice continued by his affidavit.

I have the honour to be, &c.

SAMUEL MERRILL.

And on motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Was referred to the committee of ways and means.

The joint resolution from the Senate, relative to petitioning Congress to extend further relief to the purchasers of public lands, was read the second time and ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act subjecting real and personal estate to execution in substance as follows, to wit:

That sheriffs will be authorized to take replevy bonds after the issue of execution.

That acknowledgements of bail, for the payment of money taken by the clerks and entered of record, as well as replevy bonds taken by the sheriffs shall operate as liens and have the force and effect of judgments; and that execution shall at the same time issue against the defendant and his security.

That the plaintiff at his discretion may select his writ, and that he will not be precluded from his right to a *casa*, until after the return of a *fiery facias*, as contemplated and required by the 14th section of said act.

*Resolved*, That said committee be instructed to provide a summary mode for the collection of moneys, in all cases where the plaintiff may have to coerce payment from persons who may have entered themselves as security on the records of any court in this state, since the taking effect of the act before alluded to.

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the message of the Governor, and other subjects referred thereto.

Mr. Maxwell in the chair;

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. Maxwell reported : That the committee of the whole have had the same under consideration, and adopted sundry resolutions, as follows, to wit :

1. *Resolved*, That all that part of the message of his Excellency the Governor, relating to the financial concerns of the state, the public debt, revenue, the procuring of land office maps, for the use of listers, and the per cent. allowed to collectors, and the revenue laws be referred to the committee of ways and means.

2. *Resolved*, That all that part of the message of his Excellency the Governor, which relates to canals and the great national road from Wheeling to the Mississippi, &c. be referred to a committee on canals and internal improvements.

3. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of his Excellency the Governor, respecting the murder of some Indians, by James Hudson and others, and the affairs therewith connected, be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

4. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the communications which he may have received from the Executives of the states of Maine, Georgia and Ohio, relative to the subject of slavery, and the amendment of the constitution of the United States, be with the documents relating to the same, referred to a select committee.

5. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the state prison, be referred to a select committee.

6. *Resolved*, That so much of the communication of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the militia law, be referred to the committee on military affairs.

7. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message, as relates to a state library, be referred to the committee on education, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

8. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of his Excellency the Governor, as any way relates to the town of Indianapolis, and also, the resolution vacating part of said town, which is referred to this committee, with

said message, be all referred to a standing committee on the affairs of said town of Indianapolis.

9. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the act of Congress, passed 26th May last, giving a preemption to one quarter section of land, for the establishment of a county seat, in each new county of the states and territories, where there are public lands, be referred to a select committee.

10. *Resolved*, That the petition of William Hulbert and others, referred to this committee, relative to the navigation of the river Wabash, be referred to the standing committee on canals and internal improvement.

In which several resolutions, he asked the concurrence of the House; and

On motion,

The House concurred therein generally.

The Speaker appointed the following committees on the resolutions of the committee of the whole.

Messrs. Nelson, Hiatt, Beckes, M'Creery and Armstrong, in pursuance of the second resolution.

Messrs. Bassett, Hillis, Jackson of D., Brown and Lomax, in pursuance of the fifth resolution.

Messrs. Oliver, Farrington, Mann, Graham and Walker, in pursuance of the sixth resolution.

Messrs. Noble, M'Mahan, Conner, Robertson and Irwin of B. in pursuance of the ninth resolution.

Messrs. Palmer, Ritchey, Claypool, Beckes and Richardson, in pursuance of the tenth resolution.

Whereupon,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, to the sum of one hundred dollars, in civil cases; was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The bill to repeal certain parts of an act therein named, was read a second time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of John R. Montgomery, collector of the state and county revenue, of the county of Gibson, for the year 1823; was read a second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The bill legalizing the proceedings of the county board of justices, for the county of Hendricks, at their November term, in the year 1824; was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill supplemental to the act entitled "An act regulating the practice in suits at law"—approved Jan. 30th 1824.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the chair;

And Mr. Robb reported the same with one amendment, which was by striking out the first section in said bill, and asked the concurrence of the House therein; and

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Said bill was recommitted to the judiciary committee.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill legalizing the proceedings of the court doing county business, in the counties of Marion, Hamilton and Allen;

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. Bassett reported the same with one amendment; which was, by striking out the following words, at the end of the first section, "and is declared to be in conformity with the intention of the last legislature;" in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the House. And

On motion,

The House concurred therein.

Whereupon,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 15, 1825,

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House the following annual report of William H. Lilly, Auditor of Public Accounts:

AUDITOR'S OFFICE,  
Indianapolis, 15th Jan. 1825. }

To the Hon. the President of the Senate,

SIR,

In obedience to an act of the General Assembly, entitled "An act concerning the Auditor of Public Accounts and Treasurer of State," I have the honor herewith to transmit you my annual report, ending the 31st December, 1824.

I have the honour to be,

Very respectfully,

Yours, &c.

WM. H. LILLY, Aud. Pub. Ac'ts.

The Auditor of Public Accounts, in obedience to an act of the General Assembly, entitled "An act concerning the Auditor of Public Accounts and Treasurer of State," submits the following report, to wit:

There has been received from sundry collectors from the 29th Nov. 1823, exclusive, to the 31st December 1824, inclusive, on account of revenue arising for the year 1823, and for balances due for the years 1817, 1821 and 1822,

The sum of - - - \$24,181 95

From sundry collectors for the year 1824, the sum of - - - 26,693 30

On loans exclusive of seminary funds on hand last year, the sum of - - - 5,550 00

Receipts of superintendents of salt lick reserves 111 65

Damages collected of late collectors of Clark county, - - - 62 76

Collections of unlisted property and delinquents, certified to me by the Treasurer, the sum of 153 48

From John Carr, late agent at Indianapolis, 85 50

From B. F. Morris, present agent, the sum of 4,974 25

Making in all, the sum of - - - \$61,312 29

There was a deficiency of monies to meet the claims audited to the 29th of Nov. 1823, as per former report,

The sum of - - - \$971 91

Since that period to the 31st Dec. 1824, there has been audited in liquidation of the accounts of the state prison. - - - 1,689 28



In liquidation of the Judiciary department, the sum of	7,046 91
In liquidation of the executive department, the sum of	2,750 00
In liquidation of militia expenses, the sum of	125 00
In liquidation for stationary for the use of the last General Assembly, the sum of	193 19
In liquidation of the expenses of the last General Assembly, and special appropriations which come under no general head, the sum of	11,973 62
In liquidation of the Attorney General's salary, the sum of	200 00
In liquidation of the expenses for the Presidential election, the sum of	272 92
In liquidation of the public printing, the sum of	2,769 84
In liquidation of expenses for circuit prosecutors,	214 50
In liquidation for interest on loan,	291 00
In liquidation for interest on treasury notes,	905 74
In liquidation of the seat of Government accounts,	527 50
In addition to the above sum audited, there has been paid to the commissioners of Marion county, the sum of	4,749 25
In liquidation of the contingent expenses of Government,	660 10
Error in over payment by Col. Noble	107 00
Making in all the sum of	\$35,447 70

Which deducted from the sum of \$61,812 89 as reported to have been received, will leave a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, provided all the claims audited to this date have been paid, the sum of \$26,365 19 cents, from which deducting \$983 60 retained by the former Treasurer, leaves a balance of \$25,381 39.

The assessments of all the counties in the state for revenue for the year 1824, is \$43,025 63

Delinquent list for 1822 and 1823, the sum of 1,263 21

From delinquents and unlisted lands, the following returns have been made of money collected.

From the county of Clark, \$194 82; from the county of Daviess, \$18 50; from the county of Fayette, \$7 39; from the counties of Washington, Gibson and Franklin, \$153 48, as above reported to have been received by Treasurer; from Marion, \$8 50; Montgomery, \$5 50; Orange, \$7 15; Pike, \$4 30; Union, \$51 93,

In all,		\$451 57
	Sum total,	\$44,740 41
Delinquent credits returned from 37 counties, for 1824, the sum of		\$3,935 67
Allowance for advertising,		239 25
For maps furnished different counties,		106 00
Probable delinquencies and allowances yet to be made, the sum of		1,300 00
Commission on amount calculated to be paid,		3,240 00
	Sum total,	\$8,820 92
Leaving a balance for the Treasury, of		\$35,919 49
The following items constitute the state debt:		
Treasury notes,		\$20,000 00
Road and canal fund, principal and interest,		6,200 00
United States' assignees of Vincennes bank,		2,210 34
Frederick Rapp, the sum of		5,000 00
Seminary fund, the sum of		971 76
Estimated interest for Treasury notes,		300 00
	Sum total,	\$34,682 10
From which deduct the amount on hand, amounting to		25,381 39
Leaving a balance of		9,300 71

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. H. LILLY, Aud. Pub. Ac'ts.

Which was referred to the committee of ways and means.

The Speaker laid before the House the certificate of R. Simon, clerk of Crawford county, relative to the Seminary fund of said county, which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Hurst presented the petition of James B. Slaughter and others, of Harrison county, praying to be relieved from the payment of the balance of a certain bond given by them to the State, and to be refunded what they have heretofore paid thereon, which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Hurst, Clendenin and Langton.

Mr. Irwin of B. presented the petition of Gideon B. Hart, collector of Bartholomew county for the year 1823, praying to be relieved from the payment of a certain

amount of tax, which he has not been able to collect, which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Irwin of B. Tadlock and Johnson.

Mr. Hendricks presented the petition of John Belt and others, citizens of Jennings and Ripley counties, praying part of said counties may be attached to the county of Decatur; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Hendricks, Walker and Ritchey.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of Samuel Soesby of Greene county, praying to be divorced from his wife Elenor; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Harris, Crane and Erwin of L.

Mr. Ritchey presented the petition of Zalman Hawley and others, of Ripley county, praying the law of last session incorporating congressional townships, may be extended to fractional townships &c. which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Palmer, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of James Vawter, late sheriff of Jefferson county, reported a bill supplemental to the act passed last session for his relief; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Hillis offered the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to report a bill to this House, to reduce the state tax on land to one dollar for every hundred acres of first rate land, seventy cents on every hundred acres of second rate land, fifty cents on every hundred acres of third rate land, and on each poll twenty five cents.

Mr. Richardson presented the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of changing the present mode of taxation, from a special to an ad valorem system, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On the question being put, will the House adopt said

resolution? and the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, are as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Beckes, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin of L., Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hillis, Hurst, Irwin of B., Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Mann, M'Creery, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, speaker—32.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Brown, Claypool, Hoover, Huston, Hiatt, Langton, Lomax, Maxwell, M'Intyre, Posey, Robertson and Tadlock—13.

So said resolution was adopted.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ewing, a member: Announcing that the Senate had passed an act requiring certain persons to give notice of petitions presented to the General Assembly, in which he asked the concurrence of this House. Said act was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

*Resolved*, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the 8th section section of an act, entitled "An Act defining the duties of recorders, and pointing out the mode of conveying real estate,"—approved January 21st, 1818, as allows twelve months for recording deeds and conveyances, after the execution thereof.

On motion of Mr. Posey,

*Resolved*, by the House of Representatives, that the committee of the two Houses, on military affairs be instructed to meet together, at such time and place as the chairmen of their respective committees shall appoint; and report such amendments to the militia law in force, as they may deem expedient; and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

*Resolved*, That it is expedient that this House inquire into the expediency of making an allowance for wolf scalps; and that the same be referred to a select committee.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Tadlock, Robertson and M'Mahan, were appointed that committee,

On motion of Mr. M'Creery,

*Resolved*, That a select committee of three members be appointed to report a bill amendatory to the second section of the law respecting grist mills, providing that the names of the owners of bags, casks &c. shall be entire instead of initials.

Whereupon,

Messrs. M'Creery, Mann and M'Mahan, were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

*Resolved by the House of Representatives*, That the Rev. Mr. Bush, or any other clergyman of respectable standing, have permission to preach in this House, on Sundays, during the present session of the General Assembly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Maxwell, wait on the Rev. Mr. Bush, and inform him of the adoption of this resolution.

On motion of Mr. Mann,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire if any, and what provisions ought to be made by law, for the payment of the damages and costs allowed certain persons by the circuit court of the county of Sullivan, for injuries by them sustained, in the opening a state road through said county, previous to the act for the navigation of the river Wabash—approved January 31st 1824; with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Mann, Ritchey and Worth, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Hoover offered the following resolution, to wit;

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for securing the property of habitual drunkards, to their wives and children; with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Maxwell, moved to refer the same to the judiciary committee; which was lost.

And, on the question being put, will the House adopt said resolution? was carried in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Hoover, Lomax and Gard, were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

*Resolved*, That the committee on roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that Eel river, be declared a public highway, from the mouth to the forks thereof.

Mr. Robb, offered the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That a select committee of five, be appointed to enquire whether any, and if any, what reduction ought to be made in the salaries and fees of the state and county officers, with leave to report by bill or otherwise. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members on the adoption of said resolution, are as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes. Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner. Crane. Erwin of L., Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Hiatt, Irwin of B., Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Creery, M'Mahan, M'Intyre, Nelson, Palmer, Pepper, Posey, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, speaker—44.

Mr. Noble voted in the negative.

So said resolution was adopted.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Robb, Hillis, Hiatt, Brown and M'Intyre were appointed that committee.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending an act for the incorporation of county libraries—approved Jan. 28th 1824; with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Brown, Claypool and Jackson of Scott, were appointed that committee,

Mr. Palmer, offered the following resolution, which was not adopted, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the standing committee on roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the poll tax, now authorized for the use of roads, from three days to two.

Mr. Beckes, offered the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred so much of his Excellency the Governor's message, as relates to the revenue law, be directed to report a bill repealing so much of said act, as requires the collection of a poll tax.

Mr. Palmer, moved to amend the same, by altering the resolution so as to require said committee to inquire into the *expediency* of repealing so much of said act as relates to the collection of a poll tax; which amendment was adopted. The ayes and noes being demanded on the adoption of said resolution, as amended, stood as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted for the adoption of said resolution are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Brown, Crane, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Irwin of B. Jackson of D. Maxwell, Palmer, Richardson, Robb, Robertson and Tadlock—17.

*And these who voted against the adoption of said resolution are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Erwin, of Law. Farrington, Graham, Gard, Hurst, Huston, Jackson of Scott, Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Mann, M'Creery, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Posey, Ritchey, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth, Stevens, speaker—29.

So said resolution was not adopted.

Whereupon,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Noble, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were read and adopted, to wit:

Whereas, it appears that a majority of the counties in this state are in debt, and that the revenue derived from such property as is subject to taxation, is insufficient to meet the current expenses of the year. And whereas, appropriations for the support of paupers, in many counties absorb a large portion of the revenue, in part owing, as is believed, to the defects of the present system, and laws, for their relief—For remedy whereof,

*Resolved*, That a select committee composed of three members from each congressional district, be appointed, who shall inquire into the expediency of erecting one or more assylums, for the reception of the poor, and of so changing the mode of affording them relief, that it shall be a state subject, and that the counties be relieved therefrom.

*Resolved*, That said committee be also instructed to inquire if any, what further legislative provisions be necessary to improve the pecuniary affairs of the counties, and to remove, or lessen such embarrassments as they may be laboring under.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Noble, Ritchey, Bassett, Armstrong, Graham, Huston, Richardson, Maxwell and Farrington, were appointed said committee.

The joint resolution offering a premium to the person who shall devise the best system of education, was read the second time; and on the question being put, shall said joint resolution be engrossed and read a third time on Monday? The same was decided in the negative.

So the said joint resolution was lost.

The bill for the relief of the securities of the late sheriff of Floyd county; was read the second time, and re-committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The bill for the relief of the collectors of state revenue for the year 1824, was read a second time, and re-committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.



The bill for the relief of R. Buntin, late clerk of the Knox circuit court, was read a second time.

Mr. Farrington then moved to amend said bill, by adding the following proviso at the end of the first section: "*Provided also*, That the said Robert Buntin and his representatives, may have the same remedy for fees due him for a longer period than five years, in like manner as is had in other cases of debt; any law to the contrary notwithstanding."

Mr. Robb then moved, that said bill and amendment be re-committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next; which motion having preference, was carried in the affirmative.

The bill to provide for taking an enumeration of the free white male inhabitants in this state, over the age of twenty-one years, was read a second time, and re-committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The House now resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of John R. Montgomery, collector of the state and county revenue of the county of Gibson, for the year 1823:

After some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. Armstrong reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Which leave was accordingly granted.

The joint resolution from the Senate, on the subject of petitioning Congress to extend further relief to the purchasers of public lands, was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill legalizing the courts doing county business, in the counties of Marion, Hamilton and Allen, was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The engrossed bill legalizing the proceedings of the county board of justices of the county of Hendricks, at their November term in the year 1824, was read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The bill to repeal certain parts of an act therein named, (which was the twenty-fourth section and the proviso in the eightieth section in the law of the last session, relative to crimes and punishment,) was taken up.

Mr. Hillis then moved that said bill be indefinitely postponed. And the ayes and noes being demanded thereon by two members, are as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Claypool, Clendenin, Farrington, Gard, Hendricks, Hillis, Hurst, Huston, Irwin of B., Jackson of D., Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Mann, M'Wahan, Posey, Ritchey, Robb, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., and Stevens, speaker—24.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Brown, Crane, Erwin of L., Graham, Harris, Hiatt, Hoover, Jackson of S., Maxwell, M'Creery, M'Intyre, Nelson, Noble, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Robertson, Tadlock and Worth—20.

So said bill was indefinitely postponed.

Whereupon,

The House adjourned until Monday morning nine o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 17, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House, the report of John Brownlee, agent of the Gibson county seminary fund; and also, the report of John Ally, trustee of the Rush county seminary fund; which were read and referred to the committee on education.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a communication from William W. Wick, Secretary of State, requesting an examination into the state of the Secreta-

ry's office, and that an inventory of the books and papers &c. may be made; which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Tadlock, presented the petition of Allen Stroud and others, praying the re-location of the county seat of Crawford county; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs, Tadlock, Robb and Graham, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Armstrong, presented the petition of Andrew P. Hay and others, citizens of Charlestown, in Clark county, praying an act to pass, incorporating said town; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Armstrong, Harris and Nelson.

Mr. Nelson, presented a claim of Orlando Raymond, for a small balance due him, for his services as agent of the state prison; which was read and referred to the committee on the state prison.

Mr. Robb, presented the petition of Achillis Robb and others, and the petition of James R. Sloan and others, citizens of Gibson county, praying the repeal of the law of the last session, making an exchange of territory with the county of Pike; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Robb, Johnson and Richardson, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Palmer presented the petition of Thomas Kinnear and others, of Jefferson county, praying a re-location of that part of the state road leading from Madison to Indianapolis, that lies between Thomas Fenton and Asa Smith's farm, so that the same may run on the old road; and also the remonstrance of Abraham Wilson and others, and Thomas Alexander and others, citizens of said county, against changing said road; which were read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Conner, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of the legal representatives of Alexander Thompson, deceased, reported a bill authorizing the guardian of the infant heirs of the said Thompson, deceased, to sell and convey certain lands and

lots therein named; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Hurst from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of James B. Slaughter and others, reported a joint resolution for the relief of the petitioners; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Bassett, from the select committee to whom was referred the unfinished business of last session, reported, that they have attended to that subject, and on application to the Secretary of state, do not find any papers on file relative thereto; they therefore request to be discharged from any further duties in relation to said business.

On motion,

Said committee were discharged from the further consideration of said subject.

Mr. Farrington, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Birch and others, praying the formation of a new county out of the counties of Wabash and Montgomery, and the remonstrance of Joseph Scott and others, against said petition, reported a bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Wabash and Montgomery; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Pepper,

*Resolved,* That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, whose duty it shall be to take an inventory of all the books in the office of the secretary of state, belonging to this state, and report the same to both Houses of this General Assembly; that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Pepper, Armstrong and Jackson of Scott, were appointed that committee.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Pepper inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence.

Mr. Nelson, presented the following preamble and resolutions; which were read and adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, the report of the committee of ways and means, made to the last General Assembly on the 16th January 1824, on the subject of the finances, exhibits on its 39th page, the different balances due from the several counties in the state, for the several years of 1816, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23; and whereas, it becomes necessary for this General Assembly to be informed how many of those balances yet remain unpaid:

Therefore,

*Be it resolved*, That the committee of ways and means be, and they are hereby instructed to make out a statement similar to the said exhibit on said page of said report, showing what still remains due from the several counties, for the above several years, and also, for the year 1824.

And whereas, it further appears by said report, that the counties of Madison and Dubois, for the year 1823, neither returned any duplicate of taxes; and that the county of Bartholomew for the year 1821, returned no duplicate of taxes; and that the counties of Martin and Sullivan, for the year 1820 returned no duplicate of taxes; and that the county of Randolph, for the year 1819, returned no duplicate of taxes; and that the county of Washington, for the year 1817, returned no duplicate of taxes: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the committee of ways and means, be, and they are hereby instructed to report to this House, whether any duplicates has as yet been reported by those counties, for those years, and if not, inquire into the expediency of passing a law to compel said counties to pay into the treasury, the probable amount of taxes due from each of them, for those years, that no duplicate was returned as aforesaid.

Mr. Clendenin, after having asked and obtained leave, introduced a bill authorizing the agent of the three per cent. fund, to pay over certain moneys, to persons therein named; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The bill supplemental to the "Act, for the relief of James Vawter, late sheriff of Jefferson county"—approved, Jan. 1824; was read a second time, and re-committed to a committee of the whole House to morrow.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, requiring certain persons to give notice of petitions &c. presented to the General Assembly; was read a second time.

Mr. Tadlock, then moved to indefinitely postpone said bill. And the ayes and noes being demanded on said motion, are as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Brown, Claypool, Conner, Crane, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Huston, Jackson of Scott, Mann, Maxwell, McCreery, McIntyre, Noble, Oliver, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r.—27.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Clendenin, Erwin of Law., Farrington, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Irwin of B., Jackson of D., Langton, Lomax, Nelson. Palmer, Posey, and Wallace of D. and M.—15.

So said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The bill for the relief of John R. Montgomery, late collector of Gibson county, was laid on the table until Wednesday next.

The House now resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace to one hundred dollars;

After some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. Oliver reported said bill with two amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

The first amendment was to confine the actions so brought before a justice of the peace for one hundred dollars, to actions of debt and assumpsit. The ayes and noes being demanded on concurrence in said amendment, are as follows:

*Those who voted to concur in said amendment are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin of Law., Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Hurst, Irwin of B., Jackson of D., Jackson of Scott, Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Creery, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Posey, Richardson, Wallace of D. and M., Worth and Stevens, sp'r.—34.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Hillis, Huston, Johnson, M'Intyre, Palmer, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, and Wallace of O.—12.

So said amendment was concurred in.

The second amendment was giving to the discretion of the plaintiff, whether to commence his suit before a justice of the peace, or in the circuit court, on all claims not exceeding one hundred dollars; the ayes and noes being demanded on concurring in said amendment, are as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted for concurring in said amendment are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin of Law. Farrington, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Hurst, Irwin of B., Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Creery, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Posey, Richardson, Wallace of D. and M., Worth and Stevens, sp'r.—32.

*And those who voted against concurring in said amendment are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Graham, Gard, Hillis, Huston, Johnson, M'Intyre, Palmer, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker and Wallace of O.—14.

So said amendment was concurred in.

Mr. Nelson, moved further to amend said bill, by adding another section, providing, that when the constable could not find goods or chattels, whereof to satisfy the execution in his hands, he might take the body

of the defendant and commit him to jail, until the debt and costs were satisfied.

Mr. Maxwell, then moved an amendment to Mr. Nelson's amendment, by excepting "females," so that they should not be imprisoned, in default of goods and chattels being found, to satisfy the execution; which amendment was adopted.

Said bill and amendments were then ordered to lie on the table.

The bill providing for taking an enumeration of the free white male inhabitants, in this state, over the age of twenty one years; was laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Graham, a member: Announcing that the Senate have adopted the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state be requested to lay before the Senate and House of Representatives, as soon as practicable, a catalogue of the books and furniture in his office, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Gregory, a member: Announcing that the Senate have adopted the following resolution.

*Resolved by the Senate*, That they will on this day at two o'clock, P. M. meet the House of Representatives in the Representative Chamber, for the purpose of electing a president Judge in the 5th judicial circuit; that the House of Representatives be informed thereof, and a similar resolution on their part requested.

On motion of Mr. Beckes,

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives will meet the Senate, pursuant to their resolution, on this evening at two o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a president judge for the 5th judicial circuit, at which time, they will also proceed to the election of a president judge for the first judicial circuit; that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

The House now resolved itself into a committee of



the whole, on the bill for the relief of R. Buntin, late clerk of Knox circuit court;

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed his chair, and

Mr. Clendenin reported progress, and asked leave to sit again; which leave was not given.

On motion of Mr. Beckes,

Said bill was re-committed to a select committee of Messrs. Beckes, Nelson, Hurst, Armstrong and Farington.

Whereupon,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House now resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of the securities of the late sheriff of Floyd county;

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. Hillis reported the same with several amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

And on motion,

The House concurred therein generally.

*Ordered* that said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House now resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of the collectors of state revenue for the year 1824;

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. Robertson, reported said bill with one amendment; which was, "by extending the time of payment from the first of February, to the first of March 1825;" in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the House.

And on motion,

The House concurred in said amendment.

Mr. Robb, then moved to indefinitely postpone said bill. And the ayes and noes being demanded on said motion by two members, are as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. ARMSTRONG, BROWN, CLAYPOOL, CONNER, HILLIS, HOOVER, HURST, JOHNSON, MAXWELL, M'CREERY, NELSON, NOBLE, OLIVER, PALMER, POSEY, RITCHEY, ROBB and WALLACE of O.—18.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. BASSETT, BECKES, CLENDENIN, CRANE, ERWIN of L., FARRINGTON, GRAHAM, GARD, HARRIS, HENDRICKS, HIAIT, HUSTON, IRWIN of B., JACKSON of D., JACKSON of SCOTT, LANGTON, LOMAX, MANN, M'INTYRE, M'MAHAN, PEPPER, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, TADLOCK, WALKER, WALLACE of D. and M., WORTH and STEVENS, sp'r.—28.

So said bill was not indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Mann, then moved to re-consider the vote taken on concurring in the amendment, made in committee of the whole; which was carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Palmer, then moved to lay said bill on the table; which was lost.

And on the question being put, will the House concur, in the amendment, as made in committee of the whole to said bill? was carried in the negative.

Mr. Nelson, then moved to amend said bill by striking out the first Monday in February, and inserting the words, "on or before the rising of the present General Assembly." So that collectors, by paying up the amount due the treasury within that time, might save the forfeiture of the 5 per cent.; which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hurst, then moved further to amend said bill, by adding an additional section, imposing a penalty of 10 per cent. on collectors, on all moneys due, and not paid into the treasury on or before the rising of the present General Assembly; which amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Hurst, then moved a further amendment to said bill, providing that those collectors, who have incurred the 5 per cent. and paid it, together with the taxes of their counties, since the second Monday of December last, should be refunded the same; which amendment was adopted.

*Ordered*, That said bill as amended, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The following message was received from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary.

*Mr. Speaker*,

The Senate have appointed Mr. Grass, teller on their part, in the election of a president judge of the fifth judicial circuit.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

*Resolved*, That this House is ready to receive the Senate in the Representative Hall, for the purpose of going into the election of a president judge, for the fifth judicial circuit, agreeable to the resolution of the two Houses; and that Mr. Palmer is appointed teller on their part.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Palmer inform the Senate.

The Senate came down and took their seats on the right of the Speaker's chair in the Representative Hall, and the president of the Senate, on the right of the Speaker; when both Houses, proceeded by joint ballot, to the election of a president judge of the fifth judicial circuit, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the hon. W. W. Wick; and after counting the ballots, it appeared that Bethuel F. Morris, had 36 votes, Philip Sweetzer, had 25 votes, and scattering, one vote.

Bethuel F. Morris, having received a majority of the whole number of votes given, was by the president of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, declared duly elected president judge of the fifth judicial circuit, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the hon. W. W. Wick.

The Senate then retired to their chamber.

Whereupon,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18th, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House, the report of John E. Henderson, trustee of the Washington county seminary fund, and the report of Thomas I. Francis, trustee of the Fayette county seminary fund; which were read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Nelson, presented the petition of Barzilla Willey, of Floyd county, praying certain relief named in the petition; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Nelson, Armstrong and Graham.

Mr. Johnson, presented the remonstrance of John R. Montgomery and others, against repealing the law of last session of the General Assembly, making an exchange of territory between the counties of Gibson and Pike; which was read and referred to the same committee to whom was referred the petition of Achillis Robb and others.

Mr. Harris, presented the petition of Guy Bush and others, praying the formation of a new county out of the counties of Owen, Vigo and Putnam; which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Armstrong, presented the petition of Stephen Ranny, praying relief for certain losses sustained in building the state prison, together with the certificate of sundry persons of Clark county, as to the amount of his loss &c.; which was read and referred to the committee on the state prison.

Mr. Palmer, from the select committee to whom was referred so much of the message of his excellency the Governor, as relates to the act of congress, passed 26th May 1824, which gives to each of the states and territories, in which are public lands, the preemption right to one quarter section of land, for a county seat in each new county or parish, reported—that they have had the subject so referred, under consideration, and ask leave to make the following report: That the act of congress gives to each new county or parish the preemption right to one quarter section of land, for the use of the county, and on which the county seats must be fixed—That said

county seats must be established before the sale of the adjoining lands—That the state must provide for the payment of said quarter section of land on or before the sale of the adjoining lands, the price of which will be \$1 25 per acre—That the proceeds of the sale of said quarter section of land, after deducting the amount which had been paid into the land office, as the original purchase money for said quarter section, must be appropriated to the erection of public buildings.—Your committee, taking the conditions and several requisitions of the act of congress under consideration, find that this state, in order to avail itself of the benefit of said act of congress, must lay off the country in which the public lands are not yet offered for sale, into counties—establish the county seats, and pay into the United States' treasury \$200 for each county, which amount must necessarily be drawn from the treasury of this state—To which may be added as growing out of the same, the expense of locating and laying off said county seats, which will also add to the burdens of the treasury. Your committee cannot satisfy themselves, that any benefit or advantage will be likely to result to the state or county, sufficient to satisfy or compensate for the expenditures and difficulties attending a compliance of the requisitions of the act of congress, and which seem to be a condition precedent to the right of preemption. Under these impressions, your committee offer for the consideration of this House, the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient for this House to take any measures relative to the preemption right, to one quarter section of land, for the establishment of county seats in new counties, as offered by congress, by their act of the 26th of May last; and that the select committee to whom that subject is referred, be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

On motion,

The House concurred in the report, and said committee were discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Mann, from the select committee to whom was

referred a resolution of this House, relative to certain damage done by roads in Sullivan county, previous to the passage of the act of last session, relative to the navigation of the river Wabash, reported a bill to provide for the payment of certain claims, allowed by the circuit court of Sullivan county; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Harris, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Soesby, praying to be divorced from his wife Eleanor, reported: That said committee have had the same under consideration, and directed him to report, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted; and

On motion,

The House concurred in said report.

Mr. Bassett, having obtained leave, presented a bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act organizing circuit courts, and defining their powers and duties;" which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Richardson, having obtained leave presented a bill to repeal the 3d section of the special act, entitled "An act authorizing the review of a certain state road therein named"—approved, Jan. 31st 1824, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of S.,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee of this House be hereby instructed to meet with the judiciary committee on the part of the Senate, for the purpose of arranging the circuit courts; that the Senate be informed thereof and their concurrence requested.

On motion of Mr. Hillis,

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred a resolution of this House, relative to the reduction of the salaries of all the officers of this state and county officers, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the pay of the members of the present General Assembly; with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Noble then moved to amend said resolution, so

as to require the said committee to inquire into the expediency of reducing the pay of the members of the General Assembly, to \$1 per day; which amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Hurst, having obtained leave presented a joint resolution for the relief of Thomas Carter; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow. (This provides for the remission of a small balance due the state, for a lot in Indianapolis; the house of said Carter, on said lot, having been entirely consumed by fire, on the night of the 17th this inst.)

On motion of Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the revenue law in substance as follows, to wit:

1. That in licensing venders of merchandize, reference shall be had to the whole amount of capital employed.

2. That the listers shall determine the rate of lands from the comparative quality of the land in the county; taking into view local situation.

3. That when listed, shall not be varied for five years, except for correction of errors: That the lands of non-residents, be distinguished from residents; and that the clerk in making out the duplicate annually, shall extract from the tract book of his county, all lands that become subject to taxation by the 20th Oct. of that year.

4. That assessors be annually appointed, to return the personal property, and polls subject to taxation.

5. That purchasers of land shall be bound to enter their names on the duplicate with the clerk, in the room of the previous owner; and that mistakes as to the names of owners of lands sold for taxes shall not render the sale void.

6. That collectors may appoint deputies, and that sheriffs, where suitable collectors cannot be had, shall be collectors by virtue of their offices.

7. That real property, on which the taxes are not paid, shall be exposed to sale on a day to be fixed by law, without advertisement.

8. That persons of colour, and persons over the age

of sixty years, not freeholders, be exempt from the payment of a poll tax.

9. That the clerk in making out certificates of delinquency, shall specify the nature of the same, and before making the certificate, shall require the collector to make oath to the sum he may have collected from unlisted persons and property, and the same shall be set forth in the certificate.

10. That collectors be authorized to collect the tax chargeable on lands unlisted for the year 1824.

11. That it shall be the duty of the auditor, to furnish each county with a register of the taxable lands within the same, to be procured at the land offices of the several districts within this state.

On motion,

Messrs. Noble and Ritchey were added to the committee of ways and means.

On motion,

Mr. Graham was added to the committee on canals and internal improvements.

Mr. Hurst, submitted the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the affairs of the town of Indianapolis, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of affording relief to the purchasers of lots in Indianapolis, by authorizing said purchasers to relinquish any number of lots he or they may have purchased, save one.

Mr. Palmer then moved the following amendment thereto: "and also to enquire into the expediency of making a discount on payments hereafter made, provided the same be made at the time such payments severally become due.

Mr. Hillis then moved to amend the amendment, by extending the discount to those persons who have heretofore paid; which amendment, together with the one offered by Mr. Palmer, were not adopted. And

On the question being put, will the House adopt the resolution as offered by Mr. Hurst? the same was carried in the negative.



Mr. Mann, offered the following resolution, which was not adopted, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the committee on military affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing that part of the militia law, which compels officers to serve five years, as it appears contrary to rules of strict freedom.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The bill to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund, to pay over certain moneys therein named, was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Saturday next.

The bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Wabash and Montgomery, was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

The bill authorizing the guardian of the infant heirs of Alexander Thompson, deceased, to sell certain lots and lands therein named, was read a second time & committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The joint resolution for the relief of James B. Slaughter and others, was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill supplemental to the act of last session, for the relief of James Vawter, late sheriff of Jefferson county.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. Posey reported the same with sundry amendments; which were read at the clerk's table, and concurred in by the House, generally; and

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The said bill was indefinitely postponed. And

On motion,

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The engrossed bill for the relief of Collectors of re-

venue for the year 1824, was read a third time, and

On motion of Mr. Hurst,

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill for the relief of the securities of the late sheriff of Floyd county, was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act," the Senate informed thereof and their concurrence therein requested.

The bill extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace to one hundred dollars, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Re-committed to a select committee of Messrs. Nelson, Palmer and Wallace of Orange.

The engrossed bill for the relief of collectors of state revenue for the year 1824, was taken up and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act," and the Senate informed thereof, and their concurrence therein requested.

The ayes and noes being demanded by two members, are as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin of L., Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Huston, Irwin of B., Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Creery, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Pepper, Richardson, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Worth and Stevens, sp'r.—25.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Hillis, Hurst, Johnson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Posey, Ritchey, Robb and Wallace of O.—11.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

The resolution of this House, which was laid on the table, requiring the judiciary committee to report a bill providing for the appointment of county prosecutors, and repealing the law of the last General Assembly, pro-

viding for the appointment of district prosecutors, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

The further consideration thereof was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Beckes,

*Resolved*, That the auditor of public accounts, secretary of state and treasurer of state, be requested to attend in the Representative Hall, on Monday the 24th of this instant, prepared to give to this House, every information they may be in possession of, relative to a bond heretofore given to the Governor, for the use of the state, under an agreement between the members of the convention and the citizens of Corydon, at the formation of the constitution; in pursuance of which, it was agreed, and consequently a provision inserted in said constitution, fixing the seat of government at Corydon, until the year 1825; also, what proceedings have been taken for the collection of said bond; and that accompanying which information, they furnish this House with a copy of said bond.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill "to provide for taking an enumeration of the free white male inhabitants above the age of 21 years in this state;"

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. Hendricks reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in generally.

*Ordered*, That the said bill with its amendments be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Claypool,

The resolution of this House, on the subject of granting new trials by justices of the peace heretofore laid on the table, was taken up and referred to the same select committee to whom was referred the bill "extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace to one hundred dollars."

And the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 19, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House, the following communication from the Governor.

*Indianapolis, Jan. 18th, 1825.*

Dear Sir—It becomes my duty, through you, to inform the House of Representatives, that a vacancy has taken place in the agency for the state at this place, by the resignation of B. F. Morris Esq.

With much respect,

Your obd't. serv't.

**WILLIAM HENDRICKS.**

STEPHEN C. STEVENS, Esq. sp'r. H. Rep.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report of William Hendricks and Christopher Harrison, canal commissioners, with sundry documents accompanying the same; which was read together with the documents, and

On motion of Mr Nelson,

Referred to the committee on canals and internal improvements.

Mr. Maxwell, from the standing committee on roads, reported in part, "a bill to regulate highways;" which was read the first time.

Mr. Tadlock, then moved to reject said bill; which was carried in the negative—rule having been dispensed with, said bill was read a second time by its title, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Milroy, a member: Announcing that the Senate have adopted a joint resolution of the General Assembly, in reference to Major General Lafayette, in which he asked the concurrence of this House; the same was read the first time—rule having been dispensed with, was read a second and third time by its title, and passed.

*Ordered.* That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. M'Creery, from the select committee to whom was referred a resolution of this House, on that subject, reported a bill to amend the act, entitled "an act,

regulating grist mills and millers;" which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Noble, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of George L. Murdock and others, and the remonstrance of John M'Cleane and others, reported a bill to re-locate the state road leading from Brookville to Versailles; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Pepper, presented a bill for the relief of the collectors of the revenue for the year 1824; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Conner,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of appointing commissioners to examine the obstructions in the navigation of the West Fork of White river, and report the same to the next General Assembly.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Conner, Beckes, Worth, Noble, Pepper, Johnson, Erwin and Hillis, were appointed that committee.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The bill to repeal the third section of the special act, entitled "An act authorizing the review of a certain state road, and for other purposes therein named"—approved, Jan. 31st 1824; was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

The bill in addition to the act, entitled "an act organizing circuit courts, and defining their powers and duties," was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed "joint resolution respecting purchasers of public lands," and find the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

The bill to provide for the payment of certain claims allowed by the circuit court of Sullivan county, was

read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The joint Resolution for the relief of Thomas Carter, was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

The further consideration thereof was indefinitely postponed.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill authorizing the guardian of the infant heirs of Alexander Thompson, deceased, to sell and convey certain lands and lots.

After some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. Johnson reported the same without amendment. And,

On motion of Mr. Beckes,

The further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed bill, providing for taking an enumeration of the white male inhabitants over 21 years of age, was read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof and their concurrence requested.

Mr. Palmer presented the remonstrance of George Waggoner and others, against changing the state road from Madison to Greensburgh; which was read and referred to the standing committee on roads.

Mr. Ritchey, presented the petition of Henry Hughes and others, praying for the re-location of the road from Madison to Greensburgh; which was read and referred to the said last named committee.

Mr. Tadlock, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Crawford county, praying for a re location of their seat of justice; which was read and referred to the same select committee to whom was referred the petition of Rial Trout and others, citizens of said county, on the same subject.

Mr. Robertson, presented the petition of D. L. McFarland and others, praying for the re-location of a state road from Indianapolis, by the way of Danville.

the seat of justice of Hendricks county, to Crawfordsville; which was read and referred to the standing committee on roads.

Mr. Hendricks, presented the remonstrance of Cha's H. Veeder and others, of Rush county, against the opening of a road from Connersville, by the way of Danville on the line between Fayette and Rush counties, to Greensburgh in Decatur county; which was read and referred to the said committee.

And then the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The petition of Guy Bush and others, praying for a new county out of the counties of Owen, Vigo and Putnam, was taken up and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Harris, Maxwell, Robertson, Farrington and Mann.

Mr. Farrington, presented the petition of James Walker and others, of Greene county, praying to be re-attached to the county of Sullivan, from which they had been originally taken; which was read and referred to the same select committee to whom was referred the last named petition.

Mr. Tadlock, presented the petition of William Dodd and others, citizens of Crawford county, praying for a law to pass authorizing the board of justices of Crawford county, to levy an additional tax, to enable them to discharge their county debts: As also, the memorial of William P. Thomasson, on the same subject, together with the remonstrance of William Blackmore, John H. M'Mickle, Joseph Kincaid, William Anderson and others, citizens of said county, against the same; which were all severally read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Hurst, Graham and Posey.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Milroy a member.

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled, "an act allowing further compensation for building a bridge over the river Muscatituck," in which they ask

the concurrence of the House of Representatives. And then he withdrew.

Whereupon,

The said bill was read the first time and ordered to a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Robb,

The bill for the relief of John R. Montgomery collector of Gibson county, heretofore laid on the table, was taken up and referred to the committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for this day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill last named, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Nelson reported the same with one amendment which was read and concurred in by the House.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Hurst,

The further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed. And,

On motion of Mr. Robb,

He has leave to withdraw the petition and documents relative to the same.

On motion of Mr. Irwin of B.

*Resolved*, That the select committee to whom was referred the resolution of this House, appointing commissioners to examine the obstructions to the navigation of the West Fork of White river, be instructed to inquire also, into the expediency of appointing commissioners to examine the obstructions in the navigation of the East Fork of said river; as also, the obstructions in the navigation of said river from the Forks to its junction with the Wabash; and make report of their proceedings relative thereto, to the next General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

*Resolved*, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the venue, in the case of the Governor, against D. C. Lane, late treasurer of state, and his securities, from the Harrison circuit court, to the circuit court of Marion county, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Bassett, from the select committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to changing the mode of



doing county business, reported a bill "to organize and incorporate the several townships in this state;" which was read the first time—the rule being dispensed with, was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Was committed to the same committee of the whole to whom was committed the bill "to regulate highways."

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 20, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hurst, from the judiciary committee, reported in part, the following bills to wit: "A bill to amend the act for the assignment of dower." "A bill to amend the act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will, holding over." "A bill to amend the act, organizing circuit courts, and defining their powers and duties." "A bill in addition to the act, organizing the supreme court, and defining its powers and duties." "A bill to amend the act regulating descents," and a bill to amend an act entitled, "An act providing for the settlement of decedents' estates and for other purposes"—approved Jan. 26th 1824;" which were severally read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Hurst, from the judiciary committee submitted the following resolution; which was read and adopted.

*Resolved by the judiciary committee, That it is inexpedient for them to act on the general provisions of the petition of Eliam Willey and others, which was referred to them; and they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, inasmuch, as the same subject is referred to a select committee. And*

On motion,

Said committee were discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Mr. Hurst, from the judiciary committee submitted the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved by the judiciary committee,* That it is inexpedient for this General Assembly to pass an act authorizing confessing of judgment to the amount of two hundred dollars before justices of the peace, as contemplated by a resolution referred to them; and they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members, on the adoption of said resolution, were as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted for its adoption are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin of L., Farrington, Graham, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Irwin of B., Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Langton, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, Nelson, Noble, Pepper, Richardson, Ritchey, Wallace of D. and M., and Worth—33.

*And those who voted against its adoption are,*

MESSRS. Gard, Hillis, Lomax, Palmer, Posey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of O. and Stevens, sp'r.—11

So said resolution was adopted, and said committee were discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Mr. Hurst, from the judiciary committee submitted the following resolution; which was read and adopted.

*Resolved by the judiciary committee.* That it is inexpedient to repeal so much of the eighth section of the act entitled "an act defining the duties of recorders and pointing out the mode of conveying real estate"—approved Jan. 21st 1818, as allows twelve months for recording deeds and conveyances, after the execution thereof, as referred to them; and they ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

And on motion,

Said committee are discharged therefrom.

Mr. Noble, from the committee on the affairs of the

town of Indianapolis, reported a bill amendatory to the act giving further powers to the agent for the town of Indianapolis, and for other purposes; which was read the first time—rule having been dispensed with, was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Noble, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Thomas Osborn deceased, reported a bill authorizing the administrator and administratrix of the estate of Thomas Osborn deceased, to complete a conveyance to certain lands therein named; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Beckes, from the select committee to whom was re-committed the bill and amendments for the relief of R. Buntin, late clerk of the Knox circuit court, reported a new bill, entitled “a bill amending the act regulating the fees of the several officers and persons therein named”—approved Jan. 30th 1824; which was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Hillis,

‘The blank in said bill was filled with “five years.”  
And,

On motion of Mr. Hillis,

Said bill was re-committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of Wm. H. Lilly, A. P. A. in compliance with a resolution of this House on the 13th inst.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The House re-considered the vote of yesterday on committing the bill to regulate highways, and the bill to organize and incorporate the several townships in this state, and

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Said bills were re-committed to a select committee to be composed of the standing committee on roads and the select committee on the subject of incorporating townships &c.

On motion of Mr. Walker,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire

into the cause of the delay of the printing of the journals of this House, which were ordered to be printed for the use of the same.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Walker and Gard were appointed that committee.

Mr. Jackson of D. submitted the following resolution which was not adopted; to wit:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the affairs of the town of Indianapolis, be directed to inquire into the expediency of locating a site for the dwelling house of his Excellency the Governor, and erecting the same, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Claypool, presented a joint resolution on the subject of procuring a large map of this state, for the use of the members of the General Assembly; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The bill to amend the act entitled "an act regulating grist mills and millers," was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Claypool,

Said bill was so amended as to require the sur name only, to be at full length on bags, casks, &c.

*Ordered*, That said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the Senate giving further compensation for building a bridge over the Muscatuck, was read a second time.

Mr. Richardson, then moved to amend said bill by adding a second section, giving further compensation for building a bridge over Pigeon creek; which was not adopted—rule having been dispensed with, said bill was read a third time, and

On motion of Mr. Hillis, laid on the table.

The bill for the relief of collectors of the revenue for the year 1824, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Pepper, committed to the committee of ways and means.

The bill to re-locate a road from Brookville to Ver-

sailles, was read the second time and referred to the standing committee on roads.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill in addition to the act, "organizing the circuit court, and defining its powers and duties;" and after some time spent therein, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Beckes reported, that the committee had made some progress in said bill, and asked leave to sit again—And,

Upon the question, shall leave be granted? It was decided in the negative. And then the House adjourned until two o'clock, P. M.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have adopted the following resolution—

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives be informed, that the Senate concur in a resolution of that House, for the joint meeting and co-operation of the judiciary committee, on the part of the two Houses, for the purpose of arranging the circuit courts.

And then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate, by Mr Chambers, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill entitled "an act appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Lawrence county," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Which was read the first time.

Whereupon,

Mr. Erwin moved to reject the same, which motion was decided in the negative, and the said bill passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

The House then resumed the consideration of the orders of the day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to repeal the third section of the spe-

cial act, "authorizing the review of a certain state road therein named, and for other purposes"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Graham reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the same be considered engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed bill to provide for the payment of certain claims allowed by the circuit court of Sullivan county, was read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "an act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

On motion of Mr. Huston.

The bill allowing further compensation for building a bridge over the Muscatituck, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

Was committed to a committee of the whole House this evening.

The House according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Irwin reported the same with one amendment; which was read at the clerk's table, and concurred in.

Mr. Hurst, then moved that the further consideration of said bill be indefinitely postponed. And the ayes and noes being demanded thereon by two members, are as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Hurst, Mann, Pepper, Posey, Ritchey and Stevens, sp'r.—6.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Lomax, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Richardson, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O. and Worth—38.

So said bill was not indefinitely postponed.

The said bill was then read the third time as amended and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendment.

On motion of Mr. Pepper,

*Resolved*, That the standing committee on roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the location of a road on the nearest and best route from Napoleon in Ripley county, to Hartford in Dearborn county.

Mr. Hillis, presented the petition of John Irwin and John Anderson of Jefferson county, guardians of the infant heirs of Andrew Fulton, deceased, praying a law to pass, legalizing the conveyance of certain real estate; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Hillis, Palmer and Armstrong.

Mr. Clendenin presented a memorial of Charles Dewey, praying compensation for professional services rendered the state, in the case of the state of Indiana, v. the bank of Vincennes, with accompanying documents; which was read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Conner, presented the petition of Jacob Whetzel, praying compensation for cutting a road from Summerset, in Franklin county, to the Bluffs on White river; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Nelson, from the select committee to whom was re committed, the bill and amendments extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace to one hundred dollars, reported a bill extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, and for other purposes; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the standing committee on the affairs of the town of Indianapolis, be authorized and instructed to examine the books, papers and accounts of the agent of said town, and report the situation of the same to this House.

Mr. Noble, presented the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That said committee on the town of Indianapolis, be directed to report a bill to this House authorizing the sale of the reserved lots on Washington street, which lie between Illinois and New Jersey streets.

Mr. Tadlock, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Crawford county, on that subject, reported a bill to re-locate the seat of justice of said county; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Robb, having obtained leave, presented a bill to repeal so much of the act entitled "an act concerning saltpetre caves, and for other purposes," as provides that owners and occupiers of salt works or salt water, shall keep the same enclosed; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 21, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. M'Mahan, presented the petitions of William Gott and others, and Samuel Scott and others, praying the re-location of the state road from Rome to Paoli, so that said road may run by Patoka township, instead of through Fredonia; which was read and referred to the committee on roads, and

On motion,

Mr. M'Mahan, was added to said committee.

Mr. Richardson, presented the remonstrance of sundry citizens of Crawford and Perry counties, against the above petitions; which was read and referred to the committee on roads, and

On motion,

Mr. Richardson, was added to that committee.

Mr. Hurst, from the select committee to whom was



referred the memorial of William P. Thomasson, and the petition of William Dodd and others, on that subject, reported a bill authorizing the county board of justices of Crawford county, to levy an additional tax on said county, to pay the debts due by said county; which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

The further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Bassett, from the select committee to whom was referred so much of the message of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the communications received from the states of Georgia, Maine and Ohio, proposing a change in the constitution of the United States, relative to free negroes, reported a joint resolution declaring it inexpedient to make the proposed change in the constitution of the United States; which was read first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hillis,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to report a bill to this House for the relief of such persons as have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox, which was consumed by fire in the year 1814 at Vincennes.

Mr. Hurst, having obtained leave presented a joint resolution, submitting to, and appointing arbitrators in the case of the state of Indiana, v. D. C. Lane, late treasurer of state; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Jackson of S., presented the following resolution, which was not adopted, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the committee on the affairs of the town of Indianapolis, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of causing a sistern to be sunk at each corner of the court house in said town, for the purpose of holding water to extinguish fire that may take place in said court house.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the committee on education be instructed to revise and amend the act incorporating and

providing for public schools in congressional townships, as follows, to wit:

That all taxes payable in money only, which may be imposed on the householders and freeholders within said corporations shall be levied and collected from such subjects as the state revenue may be derived from, which shall not in any one year, exceed over the amount of the state tax.

That so much of the 14th section of said law, as confines the trustees to improved lands in the levying and collection of taxes, be repealed.

*Resolved*, That said committee be requested so to amend the act relating to county seminaries, that it shall be the duty of sheriffs, at the subsequent term of the court to account for all fines which may have been imposed at the preceding term, of which, an entry shall be made of record.

*Resolved*, That said committee be requested to inquire into the expediency of enjoining it as a duty on the circuit prosecutors to examine into the situation of the seminary funds of the several counties in their circuits and to require all sheriffs, clerks, justices of the peace, and trustees, to account for all monies, which from the records of the courts or dockets of the justices of the peace, appear to have come into their hands, and that said prosecutors be authorized in a summary way to send for persons and papers, and to require all persons concerned to answer under oath, such questions relative to that fund, as the court or prosecutor may propound.

Mr. Ritchey, having obtained leave, presented a bill to establish circuit prosecuting attorneys, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Irwin,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of so changing the law as to allow grand jurors, a reasonable compensation for their services.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The bill to repeal a certain part of the act concerning saltpetre caves, &c., was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The following bills were severally read the second time and committed to the judiciary committee with leave to amend and report the same in one bill. to wit:

A bill to amend the act for the assignment of dower.

A bill to amend the act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over.

A bill to amend the act organizing circuit courts, and defining their powers and duties.

A bill in addition to the act organizing the supreme court, and defining its powers and duties.

A bill to amend the act regulating descents, and

A bill to amend an act entitled "an act providing for the settlement of decedents' estates, and for other purposes"—approved, Jan. 26, 1824.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The bill in addition to an act entitled an act organizing circuit courts, and defining their powers and duties, was taken up and re-committed to the judiciary committee.

The bill to re-locate the seat of justice of Crawford county, was read the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

The same was committed to a select committee of Messrs. Tadlock, Graham, M'Crary, Crane and Wallace of D. and M.

The bill from the Senate appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Lawrence county, was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Erwin,

The further consideration of said bill was postponed until the first Monday in December next.

The joint resolution authorizing the secretary of state to purchase a large map for the use of the General Assembly, was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

Committed to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

The bill extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and for other purposes, was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The following message was received from the Senate by Mr. Gregory, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of selecting some one of the reserved lots in the town of Indianapolis, for the purpose of erecting on the same the ensuing season, a convenient brick building, for the accommodation and use of the Governor of the state, and that said committee present to this House a plan of said building, with leave to report by bill or otherwise. That the House of Representatives be informed of the passage of this resolution, and a similar committee on their part requested. That the Senate on their part have appointed Messrs. Gregory, Johnson, Rariden, Milroy and Grass, a committee to execute the above resolution. And,

Mr. Gregory, at the same time delivered the following message from the Senate.

*Mr. Speaker,*

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that they have passed an engrossed bill entitled, "an act reducing the salary of the agent for the state, at Indianapolis," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time—rule dispensed with, and read a second time.

Mr. Pepper, then moved to amend said bill by striking out one hundred dollars, (the compensation allowed the agent.)

Mr. Nelson, then moved to commit said bill to a committee of the whole House to day, which was lost. The ayes and noes being demanded on the amendment proposed by Mr. Pepper:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Beckes, Claypool, Conner, Hendricks, Hurst, Jackson of D., Langton and Pepper—9.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Brown, Clendenin, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of S., Johnson, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Palmer, Posey, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r.—36.

So said motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Hillis—rule was further dispensed with—said bill was then read the third time and passed.

*Ordered,* That the clerk inform the Senate.

The bill authorizing the administrator and administratrix of Thomas Osborn, deceased, to complete a conveyance to certain lands therein named, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill giving further power to the agent for the state at Indianapolis, and for other purposes. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Farrington reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Which leave was accordingly granted.

And then the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House again, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill giving further powers to the agent of the state at Indianapolis, and for other purposes. And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Farrington reported the said bill with three several

amendments, which were read—the two first disagreed to, and the third concurred in by the House.

Mr. Nelson then moved to re-commit said bill to the standing committee on the affairs of Indianapolis; which motion was negatived.

Mr. Palmer moved to postpone indefinitely the farther consideration of said bill, which was also negatived; and thereupon, it was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on to morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill "to amend the act regulating the fees of the several officers and persons therein named." And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Conner reported the said bill with several amendments; which were read and concurred in.

Mr. Robb then offered the following as an amendment to the first section of said bill: "and that no security or securities shall be held responsible for, or bound to pay any fee or fees charged for any service or services which may have been performed at a more distant period than two years previously;" which was not adopted.

Mr. Beckes moved to postpone said bill indefinitely; which was decided in the affirmative.

The engrossed bill to amend the act "regulating grist mills and millers," was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The engrossed bill to repeal the third section of the special act, entitled "An act authorizing the review of a certain state road therein named," approved, January 31, 1824, and for other purposes, was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act"—the Senate informed thereof and their concurrence requested.

Mr. Nelson presented the remonstrance of R. Seymour and others, with the accompanying documents, against re-locating the seat of justice of Crawford county; which were read, and referred to the same select

committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of said county on the same subject.

On motion,

Mr. Nelson was added to that committee.

And the House adjourned.

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SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 22, 1825,

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The bill amending the act giving further powers to the agent for the state at Indianapolis, and for other purposes, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

On which question Mr. Stevens asked and obtained leave of the House to record his vote in the negative.

Mr. Conner presented a petition of John Smock of Marion county, praying a compensation for opening a certain road, which was read and referred to the standing committee on roads.

Mr. Armstrong made the following report :

*Mr Speaker*,

The committee of elections have, since making their report of the returned members of this House, received the certificate of the election of David Hillis, a member from, the county of Jefferson, which they find in due form and report the same that it may be placed on the files in this House; and

On motion,

The House concurred in said report.

Mr. Tadlock, from the select committee to whom was recommitted the bill to relocate the seat of justice of Crawford county, reported said bill with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House; and

On motion,

Said bill was committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Robb, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition and remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of Gibson county, on that subject, reported a bill to attach a part of the county of Gibson to the county of Pike, and a part of the county of Pike to the county of Gibson; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Armstrong, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Charlestown, praying an act to incorporate said town, reported a bill to incorporate the town of Charlestown, in the county of Clark; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Bassett, from the select committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to communications received from the states of Georgia, Ohio and Maine, made a further report by a joint resolution devising a system for the gradual emancipation of slaves; which was read a first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Pepper, from the select committee to whom was referred a resolution of this House, on the subject of examining the office of the secretary of state, and taking an inventory of the books, papers, &c. in said office, reported, that they had performed the duty assigned them and submitted an inventory of the books, papers and furniture of the state, in said office; which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Pepper, from the committee for enrolled bills, reported, that they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill, entitled "An act to reduce the salary of the agent of the state at Indianapolis, and find the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Claypool offered the following resolution, which was not adopted, to wit:

*Resolved.* That the committee on the judiciary be requested to enquire, and instructed to provide by law for



making a reasonable compensation to justices of the peace for doing county business, who are, under the existing law, compelled to perform those services without compensation.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The joint resolution submitting to, and appointing arbitrators in the case of the state of Indiana, v. D. C. Lane, late treasurer of state, was read a second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The joint resolution disapproving the proposed amendment of the constitution of the United States by the State of Georgia, on the subject of the ingress of people of colour into the several states, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

The bill to establish circuit prosecuting attorneys and for other purposes, was read a second time.

Mr. Hillis, then moved that the further consideration of said bill be indefinitely postponed. And the ayes and noes being demanded thereon by two members,

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Hillis, Hurst, Pepper, Posey, Ritchey and Stevens, sp'r—6.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Oliver, Palmer, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., and Worth—38.

So said bill was not indefinitely postponed.

On motion,

Said bill was committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to repeal a certain part of an act con-

cerning saltpetre caves, and owners of salt water, &c. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pepper, reported said bill with one amendment, which was by striking it out from its enacting clause; which amendment was read and concurred in by the House. The ayes and noes being demanded on the question of concurrence, by Messrs. Robb and Hillis;

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hiatt, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, Nelson, Posey, Robertson, Tadlock, Worth and Stevens, sp'r—28.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Erwin, Hillis, Irwin, Johnson, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Palmer, Pepper, Ritchey, Robb, Wallace of D. and M. and Wallace of O.—13.

And on motion of Mr. Tadlock,

The further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund, to pay over certain monies therein named. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tadlock reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered,* That said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

The engrossed bill authorizing the administrator and administratrix of the estate of Thomas Osborn, deceased, to complete a conveyance to certain lands therein named; was read a third time and passed.

*Ordered,* That the same be entitled "an act," and that the Senate be informed thereof and their concurrence requested.

On motion of Mr. Hoover,

*Resolved,* That this House will, on this day at two

o'clock P. M. meet the Senate in the Representative Hall, for the purpose of electing a president judge of the first judicial circuit; and an agent of the state for the town of Indianapolis; and that seats are provided for the members of the Senate, on the right of the Speaker's chair.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate of the adoption of the above resolution, and that the House has appointed Mr. Pepper, teller, on their part.

Mr. Conner, asked and obtained leave of absence from attending in this House until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Chambers,

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Senate will meet the House of Representatives, at two o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of electing a president judge for the first judicial circuit in this state; and at the same time, electing an agent of the state, at Indianapolis—that the Senate on their part, have appointed Mr. Milroy, teller on such election.—And he then withdrew.

The Senate came down into the Representative Hall, and took their seats on the right of the Speaker's chair, and the President of the Senate, on the right of the Speaker: When the two Houses proceeded, by joint ballot, to the election of a president judge, for the first judicial circuit. And, on counting the ballots, it appeared that John R. Porter had 54 votes, Thomas H. Blake 2 votes, and John Ewing 1 vote. John R. Porter, having received a majority of the whole number of votes given, was, by the president of the Senate, in presence of both Houses, declared duly elected president judge of the first judicial circuit, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the hon. Jacob Call.

The two Houses then proceeded, by joint ballot, to the election of an agent of the state at Indianapolis.—And after counting the ballots, it appeared that Benja-

min J. Blythe had 33 votes, Harvey Bates 9 votes, J. Hawkins 5 votes, J. Johnson 5 votes, G. J. Johnson 1 vote, ——— Johnson 5 votes and Alexander S. Burnett 1 vote. Benjamin J. Blythe having received a majority of the whole number of votes given, was by the president of the Senate, declared duly elected agent of the state at Indianapolis, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of B. F. Morris.

The Senate then retired to their chamber.

Mr. Robertson, presented the remonstrance of Lewis Sands and others, citizens of Putnam county, against a petition praying the formation of a new county out of the counties of Vigo, Owen and Putnam, which was read and referred to the same committee to whom was referred the said petition.

Mr. Robb, presented the petition of Patrick Payne and others, citizens of Gibson county, praying the reduction of the fees of all county officers; which was read and referred to the same select committee to whom was referred the petition of \_\_\_\_\_ and others, praying a reduction of the fees and salaries of all the officers of Government.

Mr. Mann, was excused from serving on the select committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Greene county, praying to be re-attached to Sullivan county.

On motion of Mr. Oliver,

*Resolved*, That the committee on roads be requested to inquire into the expediency of reporting to this House, a bill in amendment of said law now in force, requiring each male inhabitant of this state, of the age of twenty one years, and not exceeding fifty, to work on public roads and highways, two days in each year for his personal privilege, and in addition to work a length of time equal to one half of his state and county tax, required to be paid by each person as aforesaid, at the rate of fifty cents per day, the amount of which tax to be ascertained by making it the duty of the clerk of the court to furnish each supervisor of his county, with a copy of so much of the duplicate in his county, as embraces the inhabitants of his district. And

On motion,

Mr. Oliver was added to the standing committee on roads.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

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MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 24, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hendricks presented the remonstrance of Daniel A. B. C. Fox and others, against changing the state road from Madison to Greensburgh; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Gray, a member: Announcing that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled "an act for the relief of the collectors of the state revenue for the year 1824, with amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew. And

On motion,

The House concurred in said amendments.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Graham a member: Announcing that the Senate have passed a joint resolution of the General Assembly, relative to the agent of the three per cent. fund, in which he asked the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolution was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Gard presented the petition of the county board of justices of Switzerland county, praying further time may be given the collector of the state revenue to collect and pay over the revenue due the state, from said county; which was read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of Jeremiah Brown and others, citizens of Franklin and Union counties, praying the vacation of a certain state road named in

the petition; which was read and refered to the committee on roads.

Mr. Oliver presented the petition of R. E. Hanna, collector of Franklin county, praying certain relief therein named; which was read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

The Speaker laid before the House a memorial of Rollin C. Dewey and John Brown, citizens of Lawrence county, memorializing this House to reconsider their vote of last week, postponing until the first Monday in December next, a bill from the Senate, authorizing a relocation of the seat of justice of said county, which was read and laid on the table.

The following message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Montgomery, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that they have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act, providing for the refunding of fines in certain cases;" in which he asked the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Gregory, a member: Announcing that the Senate have passed a joint resolution on the subject of the removal of the land office from Brookville to Indianapolis, in which he desired the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

The same was read the first time and passed to a second reading to morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of R. M. Evans, trustee of the Gibson county seminary fund, which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Clendenin presented an affidavit of Thomas M'Affee and John Vestal, on the subject of the removal of the seat of justice of Lawrence county.

Mr. Ritchey presented the petition of Joseph and James Montgomery, of Ripley county, praying certain relief for losses by them sustained in building a bridge

over Laughery creek, which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Ritchey, Pepper and Beckes.

Mr. Hurst submitted the following report, to wit:

*Resolved*, By the judiciary committee, to whom was re-committed a bill to amend the act regulating descents, a bill to amend the act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent and tenants at will holding over, a bill to amend the act for the assignment of dower, a bill to amend the act organizing the supreme court, and defining its powers, and a bill to amend the act entitled an act providing for the settlement of decedents' estates and for other purposes, that it is, in the opinion of said committee, inexpedient to consolidate said bills, and they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to allow grand-jurors any compensation whatever, for their services as such.

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to act upon the first, second and fourth propositions of a resolution submitted to them, respecting the act subjecting real and personal estate to execution.

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient, to act on the resolution, or any part therein contained, as respects the message of the Governor respecting the murder of some Indians, by James Hudson and others, and the affairs therewith connected.

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to vest the power in justices of the peace to issue writs of ne-exeat in any case. From the further consideration of which resolutions, and the affairs therewith connected, your committee ask to be discharged. And

On motion,

The House concurred in all said resolutions, and said committee were discharged therefrom, except the second which relates to compensation to grand-jurors. The ayes and noes being demanded on concurring in said resolution:

*Those who voted to concur therein are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Farrington, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Hurst, Jackson, of S., Langton, Mann, Maxwell,

Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Posey, Richardson, Tadlock, Walker and Stevens, sp'r—18.

*And those who voted against concurring therein are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Crane, Erwin, Graham, Gard, Harris, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Johnson, Lomax, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Palmer, Pepper, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O. and Worth—26.

So said resolution was not concurred in.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ewing, a member: Announcing that the Senate have passed an act, in addition to the several acts incorporating towns; in which he asked the concurrence of this House; and he then withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Ewing, at the same time, delivered the following message, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have adopted the following:

*Resolved*, That the committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the river Wabash, be instructed to meet the committee of the House of Representatives, to whom the same and other correspondent matters are referred, to take into consideration, and if possible and proper, to amalgamate the subjects respectively referred, with leave to report thereon; that the House of Representatives be informed of the passage of this resolution, and a similar one on their part requested.

The following bills were committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow, to wit: a bill to amend the act regulating descents, a bill to amend the act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent and tenants at will holding over, a bill to amend the act for the assignment of dower, a bill to amend the act organizing the supreme court, and defining its powers and duties, and a bill to amend the act entitled an act providing for the settlement of decedents' estates, and for other purposes.

Mr. Irwin, from the select committee, to whom was



referred the petition of Gideon B. Hart, collector of Bartholomew county, reported a bill for the relief of the said Gideon B. Hart; which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Beckes,

Said bill was rejected.

Mr. Bassett, from the select committee to whom was re-committed the bill to incorporate the several townships in this state, reported the same with amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House. And

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Said bill, as amended, was re-committed to a committee of the whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Bassett, from the select committee, to whom was re-committed the bill to regulate highways, reported the same without amendment. And

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Said bill was recommitted to a committee of the whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

*Resolved*, That the committee on military affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reducing the number of musters and muster fines, for and during our present state of tranquility.

Mr. Nelson, having obtained leave, presented a joint resolution relative to the court house at Indianapolis; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Beckes,

*Resolved*, That the judiciary committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, for annual reports directed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, from the judges of the supreme and circuit courts, circuit prosecuting attorneys, the board of magistrates of the different counties, and such other officers as may be deemed expedient; requiring them in such reports to suggest such defects as may exist in the laws of this state, in relation to the several matters properly coming under their notice.

Mr. Hillis moved to reconsider the vote of this House postponing until the first Monday in December next, the bill from the Senate to re-locate the seat of justice

of Lawrence county; which was carried in the affirmative.

The original question being put, shall said bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next? the same was carried in the negative. And

On motion,

Said bill was committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Oliver,

*Resolved*, That the clerk of this House be directed to procure seventy-five copies of each of the bills before this House, relating to roads and highways, and the organizing and incorporating the several townships in this state, to be printed as soon as may be, for the use of the members of this House.

Mr. Armstrong, having obtained leave, presented a bill to amend the act regulating the taking up animals going estray, and water crafts, and other articles of value adrift, approved January 7, 1824; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Hurst offered the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved by the House of Representatives*, That they will positively adjourn, sine die, on the 5th day of February, 1825; that the Senate be informed thereof and their concurrence requested.

Mr. Robb then moved to lay said resolution on the table, and the ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Crane, Erwin, Graham, Harris, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Worth and Stevens, speaker—26.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Clendenin, Farrington, Gard, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hurst, Irwin, Jackson of D., Johnson, Langton, Lomax. Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, Posey and Tadlock—18.

So said resolution was laid on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the orders of the day.

The bill to attach a part of the county of Gibson to the county of Pike, and a part of the county of Pike to the county of Gibson, was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The bill to incorporate the town of Charlestown, in the county of Clark, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 25th, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hiatt, presented a memorial of Jeremiah Cox and others, citizens of Wayne county, on the subject of amending the law granting licenses to tavern-keepers; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Hiatt, Nelson and Clendenin, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Richardson, presented the petition of B. F. Barker and Henry Wagoner, praying further compensation for building a bridge over Pigeon Creek; which was read and referred to the same committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph and James Montgomery.

On motion,

Mr. Robb and Mr. Richardson, was added to said committee.

Messrs. Richardson and Hurst, asked and obtained leave of absence, from this House, during this day.

Mr. Posey made the following report, which was read and concurred in by the House.

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee on military affairs, to whom was referred so much of his Excellency the Governor's message as relates to the militia: Also, the resolutions requiring said committee to inquire into the expediency of

so amending the militia law, as to provide for a fifth brigade; and the propriety of reducing the fines, and the number of musters now imposed by law, beg leave to report: That in the opinion of said committee, it is inexpedient to make any amendment to the militia law at the present session; except, as respects the regiment composed of the counties of Allen and Randolph.

On motion of Mr. Hillis,

*Resolved*, That a committee of six be appointed to inquire into the cause of the failure of the person who has contracted to furnish fuel for the present General Assembly.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Hillis, Robb, Wallace of D. and M., Harris, Erwin and Worth, were appointed said committee.

On motion,

Mr. Nelson, was added to the committee on the state prison.

Mr. Claypool, having obtained leave, presented a bill providing for the location of a road from Connersville to Fort Wayne; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Brown, having obtained leave, presented a bill for the relief of certain persons therein named; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The joint resolution on the subject of the gradual emancipation of slaves and colonization of free people of colour, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The joint resolution from the Senate on the subject of removing the land office from Brookville to Indianapolis, was read a second time and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate entitled an act in addition to the several acts incorporating towns, was read a second time and passed to a third reading to-morrow.

The joint resolution from the Senate relative to the agent of the three per cent. fund, was read a second time

and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow, with accompanying documents.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act providing for the refunding of fines in certain cases, was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The joint resolution relative to the court house at Indianapolis, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill to amend the act regulating the taking up of animals going estray, water crafts and other articles of value adrift, approved January 7th, 1825, was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The engrossed bill authorizing the agent of the three per cent. fund to pay over certain monies therein named, was read a third time and passed. The ayes and noes being demanded on the passage of said bill by two members, are as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Posey, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, speaker—42.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes and Langton—2.

*Ordered,* That said bill be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof and their concurrence requested.

The joint resolution disapproving the amendment proposed by the state of Georgia, to the constitution of the United States, on the subject of the ingress of free people of colour into the several states of the Union, was read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the following bills, to wit: 1st, a bill to amend the act regulating descents. 2d, A bill to amend the act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over. 3d, A bill to amend the act for the assignment of dower. 4th, A bill to amend the act organizing the supreme court, and defining its powers and duties. And 5th, A bill to amend the act, entitled an act, providing for the settlement of decedents' estates, and for other purposes.

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Noble reported bills, numbered 1, 3 and 5 with amendments, and bill number 2 without amendment, and reported progress and asked leave to sit again on bill marked number [4.]

Said amendments were read and concurred in, except the amendment made to bill number 5, which was by striking out the first section thereof, in which amendment the House refused to concur. And

On motion,

Leave was given said committee to sit again on bill numbered 4.

Bills numbered 1, 3 and 5, were ordered to be engrossed, as amended; and bill numbered 2 to be engrossed as reported by the committee of the whole.

And the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Stapp, a member: Announcing that the Senate have passed an act, to amend the act, to incorporate the town of Madison, in the county of Jefferson, approved, December 22d, 1823; in which he asked the concurrence of this House, and he withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the formation of a new county, out

of the counties of Wabash and Montgomery. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Palmer reported said bill with several amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill for the re-location of the seat of justice of Crawford county, was ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the joint resolution authorizing the secretary of state to procure a large map of this state, for the use of the General Assembly. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Huston reported the same with one amendment, which was by striking it out from its resolving clause; which amendment was read at the clerk's table and concurred in. And

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

The further consideration of said resolution was indefinitely postponed.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, and for other purposes. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hiatt reported said bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of the bill to attach a part of the county of Pike to the county of Gibson, and a part of the county of Gibson to the county of Pike, and the same was committed to a select committee of Messrs. Robb, Johnson and Richardson.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Lawrence county. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Brown reported progress and asked leave to sit again; which leave was refused:

And on motion of Mr. Erwin,  
The further consideration of said bill was postponed until the first Monday in December next.

The engrossed bill to incorporate the town of Charles-town, in the county of Clark, was read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That said bill be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

On motion of Mr. Wallace of O.,  
John Brown and others have leave to withdraw their petition and documents; and also the same leave was given to Rollin C. Dewey and others, to withdraw their memorial, &c.

On motion of Mr. Farrington,  
*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives concur in the resolution from the Senate requesting the committee of this House, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the river Wabash, and other subjects therewith connected, to meet a similar committee on the part of the Senate, and that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Nelson presented the petition of James Kegwin, praying certain relief; which was read and referred to the committee on the state prison.

On motion,  
Mr. Nelson was added to the committee on the state prison.

On motion,  
Mr. Farrington was added to the canal committee.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,  
The House re-considered the vote indefinitely postponing the bill to amend the act regulating the fees of the several officers and persons therein named. And

On motion of Mr. Beckes,  
Said bill was re committed to a select committee of Messrs. Farrington, Johnson, Beckes, Bassett and Hiatt.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.



WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 26, 1828.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hurst, asked and obtained leave of absence during this day.

Mr. Conner, presented a petition of Andrew Wilson and others, of Marion county, praying a law to pass authorizing them to raise the height of a certain mill-dam over White river; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Conner, Robertson, and Irwin.

Mr. Crane, presented the petition of Jacob Lane and others, of Jackson county, praying authority to build a bridge over a certain bayou, near Fishli's mill, in said county; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Palmer, presented the petition of Solomon Davis and others, of Jefferson county, praying a part of said county may be attached to the county of Scott; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Jackson of S., Walker, Armstrong, Ritchey, Noble, Nelson, and Erwin.

Mr. Conner, presented the petition of Samuel Black and others, praying the location of a certain state road therein named; which was read and referred to the committee on roads.

Mr. Conner, also presented the petition of Amasa Makepeace and others, praying the formation of a new county out of the county of Delaware; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Conner, Gard and Jackson of D.

Mr. Walker, presented the petition of William C. Bramwell and others, of Jennings county, praying the location of a road from Vernon by Napoleon to Brookville; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Walker, Noble and Ritchey.

Mr. Brown, presented the petition of Thomas R. Chunn and others, of Union county, praying that the county seminary of said county, may be located at Brownsville, in said county; which was read and re-

ferred to a select committee of Messrs. Brown, Hoover, and Claypool.

Mr. Farrington, presented the petitions of Thomas Gilkerson and others, and John Hedley and others, of Parke and Montgomery counties, praying the repeal of the law declaring Sugar and Rackoon creeks, navigable streams; which was read and referred to the committee on canals and internal improvements.

Mr. Lomax, presented the petition of Solomon Thomas and others, of Wayne county, praying a certain amendment to the revenue law; which was read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Thompson, a member: Announcing that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled, "an act authorizing the appointment of pilots, at the falls of Ohio, in this state," in which he asked the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee of ways and means, to whom was referred a resolution of this House on that subject, reported a bill providing for a change of venue in the case of the state of Indiana, v. D. C. Lane and others; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Jackson, from the judiciary committee, reported in part, "a bill amendatory of the law, and for the better advancement of justice;" which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Stapp, a member: Announcing, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act making a donation of certain squares in the town of Indianapolis," in which he asked the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Maxwell, from the standing committee on education, reported in part, "a bill to amend an act concerning the seminary lands in Gibson and Monroe

counties, and for other purposes;" which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Maxwell, from the standing committee on education, to whom was referred a resolution of this House on that part of the message of his excellency the Governor, which relates to the establishment of a state library, reported a bill on that subject; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Maxwell, from the standing committee on roads, to whom was referred sundry petitions, remonstrances and resolutions, on the subject of re-locating various state roads, reported in part "a bill respecting state roads;" which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion,

Mr. Pepper, was added to the committee on roads.

Mr. Hillis, submitted the following report, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

Your committee to whom was referred a resolution of this House, relative to fuel, have attended to the same; and received for answer, from the undertaker, that he will in future, furnish *abundance* of good suitable wood, not exceeding fifteen inches in diameter; and that any former neglect was occasioned by the negligence of those whom he had employed. Your committee therefore, pray to be discharged from the further consideration of said subject. And,

On motion,

Said committee were discharged therefrom.

Mr. Wallace of O., made the following report:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee to whom was referred a resolution of this House, authorizing an inquiry into the propriety of amending the law on the subject of taking up animals going estray &c. ; have had the same under consideration, and in consequence of a bill having been reported previous to the conclusion of said committee; which bill meets the views of this committee on that subject. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same. And,

On motion,

Said committee were discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Mr. Brown, from the select committee to whom was referred a resolution of this House, relative to the act regulating county libraries; reported "a bill to amend the act to incorporate county libraries"—approved, January 28, 1824; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Robb, from the select committee to whom was re-committed the bill to attach a part of the county of Pike to the county of Gibson, and a part of the county of Gibson to the county of Pike, reported the same with several amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, that said bill be engrossed as amended, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Hillis, from the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Irwin, and John Anderson, guardians of the infant heirs of Andrew Fulton, late of Jefferson county, deceased—reported a "Bill for the relief of the heirs of the said Andrew Fulton, deceased;" which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Walker submitted the following report, to wit:

*Mr Speaker,*

The committee to whom was referred a resolution of this House, relative to an enquiry into the cause of the delay of the public printer, in printing the journals of this House, for the use of the members thereof, have called upon Mr. Douglass, the public printer, and in answer to their enquiries on the above subject, received for answer, the subjoined letter—And they pray to be discharged from the further consideration of said subject.

*Indianapolis, Ia. Jan. 25, 1825.*

TO MESSRS. WALKER AND GARD,

Gentlemen—Understanding that you are a committee of the House of Representatives, in pursuance of a resolution of that body of the inst., to enquire into the delay in printing the journals, &c.—I beg leave to observe, that the resolution referred to, must be prema-

ture, as the law authorizing the contract, makes no requisition, such as I presume is contemplated by the resolution in question.

But in order to give the most entire satisfaction to every member of the Legislature in this performance—and that the rapidity of the printing might keep pace with the proceedings of both Houses, I had engaged, as I conceived, a sufficiency of workmen for that purpose; but, in this expectation, I have suffered more than a partial disappointment. New contracts, however, have been made, which I trust will yet enable me to bring up the printing of the journals, previous to adjournment.

I have the consideration to be, &c.

JOHN DOUGLASS.

And on motion,

Said committee were discharged from the further consideration of said subject.

Mr. Robb, from the select committee, to whom was referred, a resolution of this House, and sundry petitions on that subject, reported a bill to reduce the salaries and fees of state and county officers; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the Auditor of public accounts, report to this House, what portion of the \$26,100 19, as stated to be due from collectors, on the 1st Jan. 1824, by the committee of ways and means, is yet due and unpaid, with the name of the collector, the county, for what year, and the amount due from each.

Mr. Bassett, presented the following resolution which was not adopted to wit:

*Resolved*, That the enrolling secretary of the Senate, be and he is hereby appointed enrolling clerk of this House. His services to be called for, so soon as the present clerks shall find it necessary.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The bill for the relief of certain persons therein nam-

ed; was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill authorizing the location of a state road from Connersville to Fort Wayne, was read a second time and laid on the table.

The engrossed bill from the Senate to amend the act, entitled, "an act to incorporate the town of Madison, in the county of Jefferson"—approved, Dec. 22, 1823; was read a second time and passed to a third reading to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the "bill to establish prosecuting attorneys, and for other purposes." And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Worth reported progress, and asked leave to sit again; which leave was granted.

And then the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act organizing the supreme court, and defining its powers and duties. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gard reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Hillis, then moved to lay said bill on the table; which was carried in the negative.

Mr. Tadlock, then moved, that the further consideration of said bill be indefinitely postponed; which was also carried in the negative, and

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

Said bill was re-committed to a select committee of Messrs. Nelson, Farrington, Beckes and Robb; with leave to report the same with amendments.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported, that they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill, entitled "an act allowing further compensation for building a bridge over the Muscatituck." And the enrolled with the engrossed joint resolution of the General Assembly, "in reference to

Major General Lafayette;" and find the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to establish circuit prosecuting attorneys, and for other purposes. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Worth reported said bill with several amendments.

Said amendments were read and concurred in generally, except the first, which was, by striking out the word "fifty," in the third section, reducing the annual salary to \$200. The ayes and noes being demanded on concurring therein:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Crane, Erwin, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O. and Worth—34.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Brown, Claypool, Conner, Farrington, Hurst, Jackson of S., Oliver and Stevens, sp'r—8.

So said amendment was concurred in.

Mr. Conner, moved further to amend said bill so as to give the power to the Governor to appoint said prosecutors, instead of by joint ballot of both Houses of the General Assembly; which was carried in the negative.

Mr. Hurst, then moved further to amend said bill by striking out the latter clause in the first section, which requires the prosecutors in each circuit to attend at the supreme court, and attend to all criminal cases of every description, that may be taken up from his district, for which he was to have a docket fee of \$10 if successful, to be paid by the unsuccessful party; which was also carried in the negative.

*Ordered*, That said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 27, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Farrington, presented the petition of Thomas Smith and others, citizens of Vermillion county, praying to be attached to the county of Parke: And also, the remonstrance of Henry Anderson and others, James M'Donald and others, and of J. E. Batch and others, of Parke county, against granting the prayer of said petitioners; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Farrington, Robertson and Maun.

Mr. M'Mahan, presented the memorial of Stephen Chenault &co., praying a law to pass authorizing an additional tax to be levied on the county of Perry, to pay certain claims he holds against said county: And also, a communication from sundry citizens of said county, on the above subject; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Robb, Johnson, Richardson, Farrington and Beckes..

Mr. Farrington, presented the petition of Zenas Mitchell, and Ransom Miller, of Vigo county. praying a law to pass authorizing a tax to be levied on said county, to pay certain debts due by the county; which was read and referred to the same select committee to whom was referred the memorial of Stephen Chenault & co.

Mr. Nelson, presented an account of B. F. Morris Esq., for certain extra expense incurred by him, as late agent of the state at Indianapolis; which was read and referred to the committee on Indianapolis.

Mr. Nelson, from the judiciary committee, reported in part, a bill supplemental to the act subjecting real and personal estate to execution; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.



Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported that they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill, entitled an act for the relief of collectors of the state revenue, for the year 1824; and find the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Maxwell, from the standing committee on education, to whom was referred a resolution of this House on that subject, reported a bill to amend the act incorporating congressional townships, and providing for public schools therein; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Noble, from the select committee, to whom was referred a resolution of this House on that subject, reported a bill to change the mode of affording relief to the poor; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Palmer, having obtained leave, reported a bill to provide for the appointment of a separate commissioner on that part of the state road leading from Madison to Indianapolis, which lies between Franklin in Johnson county, and Indianapolis; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Noble, having obtained leave, introduced a bill amendatory to the act, "to re-locate certain state roads therein named"—approved, Jan. 11, 1823; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Hendricks, having obtained leave, presented a bill to repeal the second section of an act authorizing the location of certain state roads therein named—approved, Jan. 31, 1824; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The following bills were read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Saturday next.

The bill from the Senate making a donation of certain squares in Indianapolis.

The bill to amend the act concerning the seminary lands in Monroe and Gibson counties.

The bill to amend the act incorporating county libraries—approved, Jan 28, 1824.

The following bills were read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow, to wit:

The bill providing for a change of venue in the case of the state of Indiana, v. D. C. Lane and others, and the bill to establish a state library.

The following bills were read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next to wit:

The bill amendatory of the law, and for the better advancement of justice.

The bill reducing the salaries and fees of the state and county officers. And,

The engrossed bill from the Senate entitled, “an act authorizing the appointment of *pilots*, at the falls of Ohio in this state.”

The bill respecting state roads, was read a second time and committed to the same committee of the whole on Friday next, to whom was referred the bill to regulate highways.

The bill for the relief of the heirs of Andrew Fulton, deceased, was read the second time.

Mr. Hillis, moved to amend said bill by adding, “this act to be in force from and after its passage;” which amendment was adopted.

*Ordered*, That said bill be engrossed as amended, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to re-locate the seat of justice of Crawford county. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hoover reported progress and asked leave to sit again; which leave was accordingly granted.

And then the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to re-locate the seat of justice of Crawford county. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hoover reported said bill with several amendments; which were read and concurred in generally.

Mr. Tadlock, moved to amend said bill by adding a clause obliging those persons who made donations to the present county seat in county orders, should be obliged to receive county orders in payment thereof; which amendment was rejected. And,

On motion of Mr. Beckes, the further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The following engrossed bills and joint resolutions were severally read a third time and passed, to wit:

To amend the act for the assignment of dower. To amend the act regulating descents. To amend the act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over. For the formation of a new county out of the counties of Wabash and Montgomery. To amend the act "providing for the settlement of decedents' estates and for other purposes"—approved Jan. 26, 1824. To establish circuit prosecuting attorneys and for other purposes. For the relief of certain persons therein named. To attach a part of the county of Pike to the county of Gibson. The joint resolution from the Senate relative to the removal of the land office at Brookville to Indianapolis. The joint resolution on the subject of the gradual emancipation of slaves and colonization of free people of colour; within the United States. And the joint resolution relative to the court house at Indianapolis.

*Ordered*, That said bills be entitled "Acts," and that the Senate be informed of the passage of said bills and joint resolutions, and their concurrence therein requested.

The following message was received from the Senate by Mr. Chambers, a member: Announcing, that the Senate have passed a bill supplemental to the act, entitled, "an act declaring certain streams therein named, public highways"—approved, Jan. 26, 1824; in which

he asked the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Gregory, a member: Announcing, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled, "an act to provide for taking an enumeration of the free white male inhabitants, above the age of twenty-one years, by striking it out from the enacting clause, and substituting four new sections after the enacting clause of the original bill; in which he asked the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said amendment was read and not concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act in addition to the several acts incorporating towns; was read a third time, and

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Stapp, a member: Announcing, that the Senate have passed a joint resolution from this House, disapproving the amendment proposed by the state of Georgia, to the constitution of the United States, on the subject of the ingress of people of colour into the several states of the Union, without amendment. And he then withdrew.

The engrossed bill extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and for other purposes; was read a third time and passed. The ayes and noes being demanded thereon by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Claypool, Clendenin, Crane, Erwin, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hillis, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Palmer, Pepper, Posey, Richardson, Robb, Robertson,

Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O. and Worth—32.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

Messrs. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Conner, Farrington, Graham, Hiatt, Hoover, Hurst, Noble, Oliver, Ritchey and Stevens, sp'r—14.

*Ordered,* That said bill be entitled "an act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act to amend the act "incorporating the town of Madison, in the county of Jefferson"—approved, Dec. 22, 1823; was read a third time.

Mr. Beckes, then moved that the further consideration of said bill be indefinitely postponed; which was carried in the negative. And on the question being put, shall said bill pass? The same was carried in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That the Senate be informed thereof.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act, "regulating the taking up of animals going estray, and water crafts and other articles of value adrift"—approved, Jan. 7, 1824. After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hurst reported the same with several amendments; which were read and concurred in, except the first amendment, which was not concurred in.

*Ordered,* That said bill be engrossed and read a third time to morrow.

On motion,

Messrs. Hurst and Nelson, were added to the committee on the affairs of Indianapolis.

Leave was given Mr. Tadlock, to withdraw the several petitions &c., on the subject of removing the seat of justice of Crawford county.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 28, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Armstrong presented an account of James Paxton, against the state, for work and materials, done in and about the secretary of states' office; which was read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of William Youse and others, citizens of Union county, praying for a law to pass authorizing a lottery for the purpose of building a bridge across the East fork of White Water at Brownsville; which was read and referred to a select committee, of Messrs. Brown, Noble, Oliver, Claypool and Lomax.

Mr. Walker presented the remonstrance of Hugh Gordan and others, citizens of the counties of Jennings, Jefferson, Ripley and Decatur, against changing the present location of the state road from Madison to Greensburgh; which was read and referred to the standing committee on roads.

Mr. Maxwell, from the standing committee on education, reported a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act relating to county seminaries"—approved, January 31, 1824; which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson, from the standing committee on canals and internal improvements, submitted a report, together with a bill accompanying the same, to amend the "Act providing for opening a canal at the Falls of Ohio"—approved, January 31, 1824; which was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Maxwell, the rule being dispensed with, was read a second time by its title. Whereupon,

Mr. Robb moved to postpone said bill indefinitely; which motion was decided in the negative—And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. M'Intyre and Tadlock, were as follows to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

Messrs. Robb and Tadlock—2.

*And these who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Irwin, Jackson, of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Vahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Ritchey, Robertson, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, speaker—43.

And on motion of Mr. Maxwell,

*Ordered*, that said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next. And,

On motion of Mr. Pepper,

*Ordered*, that one hundred copies of the said bill and report be printed for the use of the members of the General Assembly.

Mr. Robertson asked and obtained leave of absence, from attending as a member of this House, until Monday next.

Mr. Hurst, from the judiciary committee, reported a bill, "amending an act establishing a county treasurer"—approved, January 31, 1824; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The resolution of this House, heretofore laid on the table, requiring the standing committee on the affairs of the town of Indianapolis, to report a bill to this House, authorizing the sale of the reserved lots in Washington street; which lies between Illinois and New Jersey streets, was taken up—Whereupon,

Mr. Conner moved to amend the same as follows, to wit:

*Resolved*, that the standing committee on the affairs of Indianapolis, be directed to report a bill authorizing the agent to lay out and sell one other tier of out-lots on the north and south sides of said town. together with any number of reserved in-lots, in said town, as they may think expedient; which was not adopted.

Mr. Palmer then moved to amend said resolution so

as to instruct said committee to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill on that subject; which was adopted.

Mr. Claypool then offered the following, as a further amendment to the original resolution:—

“And all sales hereafter made by said agent, shall be sold for ready cash;” which was adopted.

Mr. Wallace, of Daviess and Martin, offered the following, which was not adopted:—

*Resolved*, that a select committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of passing a law to have a certain day set apart, not exceeding one in each month, for days of sheriffs’ sales; with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The bill to change the mode of affording relief to the poor, was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The bill to amend an act, entitled “An act incorporating congressional townships, and providing for public schools therein”—approved, January 31, 1824; was read the second time, and committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to provide for the appointment of a separate commissioner for that part of the state road leading from Mauk’s ferry, to Indianapolis, as lies between the town of Franklin and Indianapolis; was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for third reading on to-morrow.

The bill supplementary to an act, entitled an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution, was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate insist on the amendments proposed to the bill from the House of Representatives, to provide for



taking the enumeration of the free white male inhabitants, above the age of twenty one years. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Tadlock, moved that this House recede from their disagreement to said amendments; which motion was decided in the negative.

Mr. Maxwell, then moved that this House insist on their said disagreement to said amendments; which motion was decided in the affirmative.

The bill amendatory to an act, entitled, "an act to re-locate certain state roads, therein named"—approved, Jan. 11, 1823; was read second time—And,

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

Was committed to a select committee of Messrs. Palmer, Claypool, Noble and Brown.

The bill from the Senate, supplemental to an act, entitled, "an act declaring certain streams therein named, public highways"—approved, Jan. 26, 1824; was read the second time and passed to a third reading to-morrow.

The bill to repeal the second section of the act authorizing the location of a certain state road, therein named; was read the second time and passed to a third reading on to morrow.

The engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act regulating the taking up of animals going estray, and water crafts, and other articles of value adrift"—approved, Jan. 7, 1824; was read the third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. M'Mahan, moved to re-consider the order of to-day, for reading the bill from the Senate, supplemental to an act declaring certain streams therein named, public highways, a third time; which motion was decided in the affirmative. And,

Thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Beckes,

The said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill providing for a change of venue in the case of the Governor, for the use of the state of Indiana, against Daniel C. Lane, late treasurer of state, and his securities: And the joint resolution submitting to, and appointing arbitrators in the case of the Governor, for the use of the state, against Daniel C. Lane, late treasurer of state, and his securities. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Richardson reported the said bill without amendment, and the said joint resolution with an amendment; which amendment was, by striking the same out from its resolving clause. And,

On motion,

The House concurred in said amendment.

Mr. Palmer, then moved to add, at the end of the bill, the following: Provided, that no such change of venue shall take place, until the said Daniel C. Lane shall signify his consent thereto, by entering the same on the records of said cause, in the Harrison circuit court; which was not adopted.

Mr. Hurst, moved to postpone said bill indefinitely; which motion was decided in the negative—And,

Thereupon,

Said bill was ordered to be engrossed for third reading.

Mr. Robb, moved to postpone said joint resolution indefinitely; which was decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Rariden, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill to authorize Jacob Caylor, to dig a mill race through a reserved quarter section, and erect a dam on part thereof. And then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Gray, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill to incorporate the Tanner's creek bridge company. And then he withdrew.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Ray, his private secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

I am instructed by the governor, to inform the House of Representatives that he did on this day, approve and sign,

“An act for the relief of collectors of the state revenue, for the year 1824;” which originated in the House of Representatives.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have received official information that the Governor did, on the 21st inst., approve and sign,

A joint resolution of the General Assembly, respecting the purchasers of public lands: And that he did, on this day, approve and sign,

An act, allowing further compensation for building a bridge over the river Muscatituck: And

A joint resolution of the General Assembly, in reference to Major General Lafayette. They have also, adopted the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved,* That a committee of free conference be appointed on the part of the Senate, to act with a similar committee, to be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to take into consideration, the matters of difference between the two Houses, relative to the amendment made by the Senate, to the bill from the House of Representatives, to provide for taking the enumeration of the free white male inhabitants above the age of twenty-one years; and the Senate have, on their part, appointed Messrs. Stapp and Thompson, a committee for that purpose. The Senate have also, passed the bill from the House of Representatives, authorizing the administrator and administratrix of the estate of Thomas Osborn, deceased, to complete a conveyance to certain lands therein named, with amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the H. of Representatives.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to regulate highways—the bill to or-

ganize and incorporate the several townships in this state, and the bill respecting state roads. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. M'Crary reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which leave was accordingly granted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Chambers, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed the bill from the House of Representatives, to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund, to pay over certain monies therein named, with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 29, 1825,

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The bill from the Senate to incorporate the Tanner's creek bridge company, was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill from the House of Representatives, authorizing the administrator and administratrix of the estate of Thomas Osborn, deceased, to complete a conveyance to certain lands therein named; which amendment being read, was concurred in.

*Ordered*, that the Senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the Senate to authorize Jacob Caylor to dig a mill-race through a reserved quarter section, and erect a dam on part thereof; was read a first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill from this House, to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund to pay over certain monies therein named; which being read, was disagreed to.

*Ordered*, that the Senate be informed thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill supplemental to an act, entitled "An act declaring Blue river a public highway, and for other purposes;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House. They have also passed the bill from the House of Representatives for the relief of the securities of the late sheriff of Floyd county, without amendment; which first named bill was read the first time, and passed to a second on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

*Resolved*, that a committee of free conference be appointed on the part of this House to act with a similar committee, which has been appointed on the part of the Senate, to take into consideration the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, relative to the amendments made by the Senate to the bill from the House of Representatives, to provide for taking the enumeration of the free white male inhabitants above the age of twenty-one years."

And thereupon, Messrs. Maxwell and Noble were appointed that committee.

*Ordered*, that the senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Bassett, from the select committee to whom was re-committed, the bill amending the act, regulating the fees of the several officers and persons therein named—approved, Jan. 30, 1824; reported the same with an amendment; which was read twice at the clerk's table, and concurred in.

Mr. Hiatt from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Wayne county, praying for an amendment to the law regulating and licensing taverns—approved Jan. 24, 1824; reported a bill on that subject, which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Robb from the select committee to whom was referred the petitions and remonstrances of sundry citizens of Gibson and Posey counties, praying for a repeal of the act passed at the last session of the General Assembly, authorizing a re-location of a part of the

state road leading from Mount Vernon to Princeton—made a report unfavorable to the prayer of said petitioners; which was read and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Pepper submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, that the committee of ways and means be, and they are hereby requested, to report to this House on Monday next.

Mr. Robb moved that said resolution lie on the table; which motion was decided in the negative. And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, were as follows:—

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Claypool, Clendenin, Erwin, Graham, Harris, Hendricks, Hillis, Huston, Irwin, Johnson, M'Mahan, Ritchey, Robb, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. & M., Wallace of O. and Stevens, sp'r—18.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Crane, Farrington, Gard, Hiatt, Hoover, Hurst, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Langton, Lomax, Mann, M'Crary, M'Intire, Nelson, Palmer, Pepper, Posey, Richardson and Worth—22.

Mr. Brown, then moved to amend said resolution, by striking out Monday and inserting Wednesday, which was decided in the affirmative. And,

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

Said resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Palmer having obtained leave, introduced a bill authorizing the docketing with the clerks of the circuit courts, the transcript of judgments obtained before justices of the peace in certain cases; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Hurst, having obtained leave, introduced a bill for the relief of purchasers of lots, in the town of Indianapolis; which was read the first time.

Whereupon,

Mr. Beckes moved to reject said bill; which motion was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Ritchey, having obtained leave, introduced a bill to repeal the first section of an act, entitled "an act establishing certain state roads therein named"—approved, Jan. 14th, 1824; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

The bill amending an act, "establishing a county treasurer"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824; and the bill to amend an act, entitled, "an act relating to county seminaries"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824; were severally read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for third reading on Monday next.

The bill providing for a change of venue in a certain case therein named; and the bill for the relief of the heirs of Andrew Fulton, deceased; were severally read the third time and passed. And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, on the passage of the first named bill, were as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool. Clendenin, Crane, Erwin, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Langton, Lomax, Maxwell, Nelson, Ritchey, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O. and Worth—26.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Farrington, Hurst, Jackson of S., Johnson, M'Crary, M'Intyre, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Robb and Tadlock—12.

Mr. Speaker Stevens, having been consulted as counsel in this case, was at his instance, excused from voting on the question.

*Ordered,* That said bill be entitled an "Act," the Senate informed of the passage thereof, and their concurrence therein requested.

The bill to repeal the second section of an act authorizing the location of a certain state road therein named; was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered,* That the said bill be entitled, "an Act,"

the Senate informed thereof, and their concurrence therein requested.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to regulate highways; the bill to organize and incorporate the several townships in this state, and the bill respecting state roads—And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. M'Crary reported progress, and asked leave to sit again; which leave was accordingly granted.

And then the House adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Johnson, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed the bill from this House, for the relief of certain persons therein named, without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, upon the bill to regulate highways, the bill to organize and incorporate the several townships in this state, and the bill respecting state roads—And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. M'Crary reported: That the committee of the whole had, according to order, had said bill under consideration, and had directed him to report the two last mentioned bills with sundry amendments, and asked leave to sit again on the first named bill.

*Ordered,* That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again, on the first mentioned bill.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill respecting state roads; were then read and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Robb, moved to amend the sixth section of said bill, as follows, to wit:

And hereafter, the portion of road tax assessed on the lands of non-residents, shall be the same as that assessed on the lands of residents; which was adopted.

Mr. Richardson, then moved to amend the first section of said bill by inserting after the words "by peti-



tion," in the seventh line, the following words, "the said petition to be signed by twelve freeholders;" which being also rejected, [adopted.]

The said bill was, together with its amendments, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill, to organize and incorporate the several townships in this state; which being read, were concurred in by the House. And,

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

The said bill was re-committed to a select committee of Messrs. Bissett, Jackson and Pepper.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Ewing, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate insist on the amendment proposed by them to the bill from the House of Representatives, to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund, to pay over certain monies therein named.

And then the House adjourned until Monday next.

#### MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 31, 1825:

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House took up the message from the Senate, made on Saturday last, reporting that they insist on their amendment proposed by them to the bill from this House, to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund to pay over certain monies therein named; which being read,

Mr. Clendenin, moved that the House do insist on their disagreement to the said amendment proposed by the Senate to said bill. And on the question being taken thereon, it passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Johnson, presented the petition of John M'In-

tyre and others, citizens of Pike county, praying for a part of the three per cent. fund, which has heretofore been appropriated to the road by the way of the High Banks, to the road from Petersburg to Washington; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Johnson, M'Mahan and Richardson.

Mr. Hurst, from the judiciary committee, to whom was committed the bill, to amend the act organizing circuit courts, and defining their powers and duties, reported the same with sundry amendments; which being twice read, were disagreed to by the House. And on the question, shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time? it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Hurst, from said committee, also reported a bill to amend the act authorizing domestic attachments, and to regulate the proceedings thereon; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Hurst, from said committee, to whom was referred the resolution instructing said committee to enquire into the expediency of requiring of the judges of the supreme and circuit courts, prosecuting attorneys and justices of the peace, annual reports to be made to the General Assembly: Also, the resolution on the subject of affording relief to persons that have suffered by the burning of the records of Knox county, in the year 1814; and the report of William W. Wick Esq. president judge of the fifth judicial circuit, on the subject of fees and fee bills, submitted the following report, to wit:

*Resolved*, By the judiciary committee, that it is inexpedient to act upon a resolution referred to them on the subject of affording relief to persons that have suffered by the burning of the records of Knox county: Also, a resolution concerning an annual report to be made by the supreme and circuit courts, prosecuting attorneys, the boards of justices &c.: And also, on the report of William W. Wick Esq. president judge, relative to fees and fee bills; and the said committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the

said resolution and report; which being read, was concurred in by the House.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed the bill from this House to repeal the third section of the special act, entitled "an act authorizing the review of a certain state road therein named"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824, and for other purposes, without amendment. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Palmer moved to reconsider the vote of this House of the 25th instant, indefinitely postponing the further consideration of the joint resolution for the relief of James B. Slaughter and others. And on the question shall the House reconsider said vote? It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Hillis then moved to indefinitely postpone said joint resolution; which motion was decided in the affirmative; and so the said resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Conner, having obtained leave, introduced a bill relating to the navigation of the Eastern and Western branches of White river; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. Hurst,

The House took up, and proceeded to consider the resolution heretofore laid on the table, for the adjournment of the present General Assembly, on the 5th of February next.

Whereupon,

Mr. Tadlock, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said resolution; which motion was decided in the negative. And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members were as follows to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Brown, Graham, Hillis, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of S., Johnson, Nelson, Noble, Ritchey, Robb and Tadlock—12.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, of L., Farrington, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Blatt, Hoover, Hurst, Jackson of D., Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Clary, M'Mahan, Pepper, Posey, Richardson, Walker, Wallace, of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, speaker—30.

Mr. Maxwell then moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the words, "the fifth instant," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words, "the 12th instant;" which passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Hurst then moved further to amend said resolution by adding thereto the words, "and that this House will receive no new business after Wednesday next"—

Whereupon,

Mr. Nelson moved to amend the said amendment by inserting "Saturday," in lieu of "Wednesday;" which was adopted.

And the question being taken on the adoption of said resolution as amended, it was decided in the affirmative.

The bill from the Senate, supplemental to an act, entitled "An act, declaring Blue river a public highway, and for other purposes;" the bill from the Senate to authorize Jacob Caylor to dig a mill race through a reserved quarter section and erect a dam on part thereof; the bill from the Senate to incorporate the Tanner's creek bridge company;" the bill to amend the act entitled "An act to license and regulate taverns—approved, Jan. 24, 1824;" the bill, "to repeal the first section of an act, entitled "An act establishing certain state roads therein named—approved, Jan. 14, 1824," and the bill authorizing the docketing with the clerks of the circuit courts, transcripts of judgments obtained before justices of the peace in certain cases; were all severally read the second time, and the first named bill was committed to a committee of the whole for Wednesday next—the second and third, to a third reading on to-morrow—the fourth to be engrossed and read a third time on to-mor-

row—the 5th was ordered to lie on the table, and the sixth was committed to a committee of the whole for tomorrow.

The engrossed bill amending an act regulating the fees of the several officers and persons therein named, approved, Jan. 30, 1824; the engrossed bill amending an act establishing a county treasurer, approved, Jan. 31, 1824—and the engrossed bill to provide for the appointment of a separate commissioner for that part of the state road from Mauk's ferry to Indianapolis, which lies between the town of Franklin and Indianapolis; were each severally read the third time and passed.

The ayes and noes being demanded on the passage of the second mentioned bill, by two members present, were as follows to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Posey, Richardson, Ritchey, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, speaker—36.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Irwin, Jackson, of D., Jackson of S., Palmer, Robb, Tadlock and Walker—8.

*Ordered,* that the said bills be severally entitled "Acts," the Senate informed of the passage thereof and their concurrence therein requested.

On motion of Mr. Robb,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution from the Senate, relative to the agent of the three per cent. fund; and the same being read a third time, and the question being put on the adoption of said resolution—

It was decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

The committee of the whole were discharged from

the further consideration of the bill to regulate highways—And,

On his further motion,

The said bill was thereupon, indefinitely postponed.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled an act providing for the refunding of fines, in certain cases. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Walker reported the said bill without amendment.

Mr. Palmer, then moved to amend said bill by striking out the whole of said bill from the word "same," in the twelfth line of the first section, which motion was determined in the negative—And thereupon,

The said bill was ordered to a third reading on tomorrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Montgomery, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed the bill from the House of Representatives, attaching a part of the county of Pike to the county of Gibson, without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Ray his private secretary:

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

In reply to a communication heretofore made to the Governor of Illinois, relative to the navigation of the Wabash, I have received, and herewith communicate a copy of an act of the legislature of that state, entitled "an act to incorporate the Wabash navigation company."

WILLIAM HENDRICKS.

*Indianapolis, Jan. 31, 1825.*

Which was read, together with the documents accompanying the same, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Pepper,

*Resolved,* That this House will, on this day, at 2

5 o'clock P. M., proceed to the election of an enrolling clerk.

And then the House adjourned.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Milroy, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill defining the boundary line between the counties of Washington and Clark, and a bill for the benefit of Charles Crabb; in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bills were then severally read the first time, and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill for the relief of the securities of William H. Moore, late collector of the county of Clark; and a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate judicial circuits, and fixing the times of holding courts." And then he withdrew.

Which bills were each severally read the first time and ordered to a second reading on to-morrow.

The House then, pursuant to a resolution of to day, proceeded to the election of an Enrolling Clerk to this House, and on counting the ballots, it appeared that James M. Ray, received for that office, 28 votes—and Nathaniel Huntington for the same office, 16 votes—scattering, 1 vote. Mr. Ray having received a majority of all the votes present, was by the chair, declared duly elected, who was thereupon called in and sworn into office.

The engrossed bill respecting state roads, was read the third time: Whereupon,

Mr. Richardson moved that said bill lie on the table; and discussion arising thereon, the previous question was called for by three members—Whereupon, the said previous question was put in the form prescribed by the rules and orders of the House, to wit: Shall the main question be now put?

And passed in the affirmative.

The main question was then put in the form following, to wit:—shall the said bill pass? Which was decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, that the same be entitled “An act,” the Senate informed thereof, and their concurrence therein requested.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill to authorize called sessions of the circuit courts; in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was then read the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to establish a state library; and after some time spent therein—Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Crane reported the said bill with sundry amendments; which being read, were concurred in by the House. And thereupon,

The said bill was ordered to be engrossed for third reading on to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, making a donation of certain squares in the town of Indianapolis; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ritchey reported said bill with sundry amendments; which being read at the clerk’s table, were concurred in by the House.

Mr. Beckes moved to amend said bill by adding thereto the following proviso, to wit:

“Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as to prevent any regular preacher of the gospel, in good standing in his own society, from preaching in such houses, when the society to which they belong are not using them for that purpose.” And on the question, shall said amendment be adopted? It was determined in the negative.

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Beckes and Maxwell, were as follows, to wit:



*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Crane, Graham, Gard, Hiatt, Hoover, Jackson of S., Johnson, M'Mahan, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Richardson, Tadlock and Stevens, speaker—18.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Conner, Erwin, of L. Farrington, Harris, Hendricks, Hillis, Hurst, Huston, Irwin, Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, Nelson, Palmer, Posey, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O. and Worth—27.

*Ordered*, that the amendments to said bill be engrossed, and the same read a third time on to-morrow.

Mr. Hillis from the joint committee for enrolled bills reported, that said committee had compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill, to amend the act to incorporate the town of Madison, in the county of Jefferson; and have found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, that the clerk carry the same to the Senate for the signature of the President.

And then the House adjourned.

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TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 1, 1825.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from Mm. H. Lilly, Esq. auditor of public accounts, on the subject of the balances due from the collectors of the state revenue from the several counties, previously to the first day of January, 1824; which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Farrington presented the petition of John M. Coleman, and Josephus Collett, praying for compensation for services as commissioners for laying out the

state road from Terre Haute to Fort Wayne; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Farrington, Beckes and Robb.

Mr. Noble presented the remonstrance of Thomas W. Summers and others, against changing the state road from Brookville to Versailles; which was read and referred to the standing committee on roads.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee of ways and means, to whom was referred, the petition of Israel R. Whitehead, late collector of Switzerland county; of R. E. Hanna, former collector of the county of Franklin; of Joel Combs, collector of Washington county, and of John F. Siebenthal, collector of Switzerland county, reported, that the said committee had accordingly had the said several subjects referred to them under their consideration, and had instructed him to report—That the grievances suggested severally by the two first petitions, appear to have been occasioned by the negligence of the petitioners; and that the two last cases are sufficiently provided for by an act passed at the present session of the General Assembly—and therefore, that it is inexpedient farther to consider said petitions; which report being read,

Was concurred in by the House.

Mr. Nelson also, from said committee, reported a bill to amend the act, establishing a county treasurer, and the act to license and regulate taverns; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have adopted the following resolution, to wit:—

*Resolved,* That a committee of free conference be appointed, on the part of the Senate, to act with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to take into consideration the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, relative to the bill from the House of Representatives, to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund to pay over certain monies therein named; and that Messrs.

Ewing and Rariden have been appointed a committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

*Resolved*, that a committee of free conference be appointed on the part of this House, to act with the committee heretofore appointed on the part of the Senate, to take into consideration the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, relative to the bill from the House of Representatives, to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund to pay over certain monies therein named—And thereupon, Messrs. Nelson and Armstrong, were appointed that committee.

Mr. Hurst, from the judiciary committee, to whom was re-committed, the bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act regulating the practice in suits at law," reported, that said committee had, according to order, had the same under consideration, and had instructed him to report the same with an amendment; which was by striking out the preamble thereto, and adding a first section in lieu of the one stricken out by the House; which amendment was twice read, and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, that said bill be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Maxwell, from the standing committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Sullivan and others, also the petition of Charles Stewart and others, citizens of Jefferson county, praying for a repeal of the law to incorporate congressional townships, and to provide for public schools therein. reported, that said committee had according to order, had the same under consideration, and had instructed him to report, that in the opinion of said committee, it is inexpedient to repeal said law; which being read, was concurred in by the House.

Mr. Posey, from the standing committee on military affairs, reported a joint resolution relative to the regiment composed of the counties of Allen and Randolph; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Maxwell, from the joint committee of free con-

ference, appointed on the part of the two Houses, to take into consideration the subject matter of difference existing between them relative to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill from this House, to provide for taking the enumeration of the free white males above the age of twenty-one years—submitted the following report, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee of free conference appointed to confer together, on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, relative to the amendment made by the Senate, to the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, to provide for taking the enumeration of the free white male inhabitants above the age of twenty one years, have performed that duty, and have directed me to report to the House of Representatives, that said committee have agreed that the Senate shall recede from their amendment to said bill, and that the bill as passed by the House of Representatives, shall be so modified and amended in the first section thereof, as to insert after the word "person," in the 7th line of said section, the words—"and persons exempt from a poll tax who are not certified to the Auditor of P. A.;" and that the third section shall be so modified and amended as to strike out the word "and," in the 8th line thereof, and insert at the end of said section the words, "and persons exempt from a poll tax who are not certified to the Auditor of P. A.;" and that the 5th section of said bill, be so modified and amended, as to insert after the word "accounts" in the 6th line thereof, the words "and by the Auditor of Public Accounts in his report to the Secretary of State, and by the Secretary of State, in his report to both Houses of the General Assembly;" which being read, was concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

Messrs. Conner and Hendricks were added to the select committee, to whom was re-committed, the bill amendatory to an act, entitled "An act to re-locate certain state roads therein named."

Mr. Maxwell from the standing committee on roads, reported a bill relating to the state road from Bethlehem to Columbus; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Maxwell from said committee, also reported a bill for the relief of John Smock; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Noble from the standing committee on the affairs of the town of Indianapolis, reported a bill giving further power to the agent of the state for the town of Indianapolis, and for other purposes; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Noble from said committee also reported a bill to incorporate the Presbyterian congregation, Presbyterian school and Presbyterian church session in Indianapolis; which was also read a first time and passed to a second to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed the bill from the House of Representatives legalizing the proceedings of the courts doing county business in the counties of Marion, Hamilton and Allen, with an amendment. They have also passed a bill appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Posey county; and they concur in the report of the committee of free conference on the subject of difference between the two Houses, relative to the bill from the House of Representatives, to provide for taking an enumeration of the free white male inhabitants, above the age of 21 years; in which bill and amendment they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment made by the Senate to the bill from this House, legalizing the proceedings of the courts doing county business, for the counties of Marion, Hamilton and Allen, which being read was concurred in.

*Ordered,* that the Senate be informed thereof.

The bill from the Senate appointing commissioners

to re-locate the seat of justice of Posey county, was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Brown, from the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas R. Chunn and others, of Union county, praying for the location of the county seminary at Brownsville, reported a bill for that purpose; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Bassett, from the select committee, to whom was referred the resolution of this House, directing an inquiry into the expediency of amending the act, "providing for the settlement of decedents' estates"—approved, Jan. 26, 1824, reported a bill for that purpose; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Bassett, also, from the select committee to whom was re-committed the bill to organize and incorporate the several townships in this state, reported the same with sundry amendments; which were twice read and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed for third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Ritchey, from the select committee to whom was referred, the petition of James and Joseph Montgomery, securities of Daniel Thomas, praying for additional compensation for building a bridge across Laughery creek, reported a bill for that purpose; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Farrington, from the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Smith and others, citizens of Parke and Vermillion counties, praying, that all that part of Vermillion county, lying south of the township line dividing towns seventeen and eighteen, should be re-attached to Parke county: And also, the remonstrance of Joel Dicken and others, citizens of Vermillion; and Henry Anderson and others, of Parke county, against said petition, reported: That in the opinion of said committee, it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of said petitioners; which was read and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Harris, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of John Walker and others, of Greene county, praying for a part of said county to be attached to Sullivan county, made a report unfavorable to the prayer of said petitioners; which was read and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Pepper from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That said committee have compared the enrolled with the engrossed joint resolutions, relative to the agent of the three per cent. fund; the enrolled with the engrossed joint resolution, for the removal of the land office at Brookville to Indianapolis; and, the enrolled with the engrossed joint resolution, disapproving the proposed amendment of the state of Georgia, to the constitution of the United States, on the subject of the ingress of people of colour, into the several states of the Union; and have found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, That the clerk carry the same to the Senate, for the signature of their President.

On motion of Mr. Lomax,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of printing a number of copies of the road law, for the use of supervisors of roads.

Mr. Pepper, offered the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act entitled, an act for assessing and collecting the revenue, as to allow the collectors of the revenue, four per cent. on all monies for state purposes, which shall be paid to such collectors at their offices, by the persons charged therewith, on or before the first Monday in September, after the duplicate of taxes shall be placed in the hands of such collectors, and three per cent. on all monies paid as aforesaid, for county purposes.

Mr. Posey, moved to amend said resolution, by striking out four, and inserting six per cent.; which motion was negatived.

Mr. Lomax, moved to amend it by adding at the end thereof, the following proviso, to wit: Provided, such tax shall be paid to him previous to his setting out to collect the same; which was adopted—And

The question then recurring on the adoption of said resolution, as amended—It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Gard, having obtained leave, introduced a bill authorizing the printing and distributing of the laws, joint resolutions, and journals of the present General Assembly; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Armstrong having obtained leave, introduced a bill to amend an act, entitled “an act to establish a board of Trustees for the promotion of schools and education in Clark’s grant”—approved, Jan. 28, 1824; which was read the first time—the rule dispensed with, and read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law more positively defining the duty of county surveyors; with leave to report by bill or otherwise—And,

Thereupon,

Messrs. Hendricks, Graham, Hillis, Robb, Brown and Hoover, were appointed a committee in pursuance of said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

*Resolved*, That the auditor of public accounts, be directed to report to this House, the whole number of polls, and the whole number of acres of first, second, and third rate land, returned for taxation for the year 1824: specifying the number of polls and number of acres of first, second, and third rate land returned from each county.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Rariden, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill making an appropriation to open a road from Indianapolis to Fort



Wayne; in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was then read the first time and passed to a second on to-morrow.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

1st. An act defining the boundary line between the counties of Washington and Clark.

2d. An act for the relief of the securities of William H. Moore, late collector for the county of Clark.

3d. An act to amend the act entitled an act to regulate judicial circuits, and fixing the times of holding courts.

4th. An act to authorize called sessions of the circuit courts.

5th. An act for the benefit of Charles Crabb. And the bill relating to the navigation of the Eastern and Western branches of White river. And the bill to amend the act authorizing domestic attachments, and to regulate proceedings therein; were each severally read the second time—the first committed to a select committee of Messrs. Nelson, Huston, M'Intyre and Armstrong. And the other six bills were committed to a committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate making a donation of certain squares in the town of Indianapolis; was read the third time—Whereupon,

Mr. Palmer moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said bill—And on the question being taken, it passed in the affirmative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members, were as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Crane, Erwin, Graham, Harris, Hiatt, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Noble, Palmer, Richardson, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Wallace of O. and Worth—26.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Clendenin, Conner,

Farrington, Gard, Hendricks, Hillis, Hurst, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Mann, Nelson, Oliver, Pepper, Posey, Ritchey, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., and Stevens, speaker—20.

And so the said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The bill from the Senate providing for the refunding of fines in certain cases, was read the third time—And on the question being taken, shall the said bill pass? It was determined in the negative.

And so the said bill did not pass.

The bill from the Senate to authorize Jacob Caylor to dig a mill race through a reserved quarter section, and erect a dam on part thereof; was read the third time. And on the question being taken, on the passage of said bill, it was determined in the negative.

And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, were as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Brown, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Irwin, Lomax, Maxwell, M'Crary, Nelson, Noble, Pepper, Richardson, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M., and Worth—23.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Claypoll, Clendenin, Farrington, Graham, Hurst, Huston, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Langton, Mann, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Oliver, Palmer, Posey, Ritchey, Robb, Walker, Wallace of O. and Stevens, speaker—23.

The House being equally divided, the Speaker decided that the said bill was lost.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

1st. A bill to amend the act relating to county seminaries.

2d. A bill to establish a state library. And,

3d. A bill to amend the act, entitled "An act, to regulate and license taverns."

Were each severally read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, that the said bills be entitled "Acts," the Senate informed thereof, and their concurrence therein requested.

The bill from the Senate, to incorporate the Tanner's Creek Bridge Company, was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, that the Senate be informed thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Gregory, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed the bill from this House, to provide for the appointment of a separate commissioner for that part of the state road from Mank's ferry to Indianapolis, as lies between the town of Franklin and Indianapolis; with amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were then read and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, that the Senate be informed thereof.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act, for the incorporation of county libraries: and after some time spent therein—Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Erwin reported the said bill with an amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, that said bill be engrossed for third reading on to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act concerning the seminary lands in Gibson and Monroe counties, and for other purposes. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jackson of S. reported the said bill with an amendment; which being read, was concurred in—And,

*Thereupon,*

Said bill was ordered to be engrossed for third reading on to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill incorporating congressional townships, and providing for public schools therein: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jackson of D. reported said bill with an

amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House—And,

Thereupon,

Said bill was ordered to be engrossed for third reading on to-morrow.

The House now resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill supplementary to the act subjecting real and personal estate to execution: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. M'Mahan reported said bill with sundry amendments.

Mr. Nelson, then moved that the House adjourn; which motion was negatived.

Mr. Tadlock, then moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill indefinitely. And on the question being taken, it passed in the affirmative. And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, were as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Irwin, Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, Oliver, Posey, Robertson, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—26.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Beckes, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb and Walker—19.

And so the said bill was indefinitely postponed.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 2, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report of

James R. Nance, trustee of the Floyd county seminary fund; and of Joseph Rawlings, trustee of the Lawrence county seminary fund; which was read and laid on the table.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Givens, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an act to repeal part of the act concerning saltpetre caves, and for other purposes; in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Brown, presented the certificate of James Leviston, clerk of Union county, relative to a certain amount of tax improperly paid by James Beard; which was read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Hurst, presented a communication from A. S. Spencer, late agent of the state prison; which was read and referred to the committee on the state prison.

Mr. Farrington, presented a remonstrance of S. S. Collett and others, of Vigo county, against authorizing a special tax to be levied on said county; which was read and referred to the same committee to whom was referred the memorial of Stephen Chenault, &co.

Mr. Beckes, presented a petition of Samuel M'George, for extra work done by him on the court house at Indianapolis; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Beckes, Graham, Posey and Conner.

Mr. Maxwell, from the standing committee on roads, introduced a bill for the relief of the citizens of Perry county; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Thompson, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled an act providing for a change of venue in a certain case therein named, without amendment.

Mr. Harris, from the select committee to whom was

referred the petition of Guy Bush and others, praying the formation of a new county out of the counties of Owen, Vigo and Putnam, reported a bill in pursuance of the prayer of the petitioners; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Oliver, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Ruth Brooks, praying to be divorced from her husband George W. Brooks, reported a bill in pursuance of the prayer of the petitioner; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Farrington, from the select committee to whom was referred a petition on that subject. reported a bill allowing compensation to the commissioners heretofore appointed, to locate a state road from Terre-Haute to Fort Wayne, out of the treasury of the several counties through which said road passes; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Jackson of S., from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Solomon Davis and others, citizens of the county of Jefferson, praying for a certain part of said county to be attached to the county of Scott, reported: That they have had the same under consideration, and find that Jefferson county is already reduced to at least the minimum size of four hundred square miles; and that by reason thereof, a majority of the committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

And, on motion of Mr. Palmer, the House concurred therein.

Mr. Robb, from the select committee to whom was referred the memorial of Stephen Chenault & co.; and the petition of Zenas Mitchell, of Vigo county, praying an additional tax to be levied on the counties of Perry and Vigo, to enable them to discharge certain claims against said counties; and the remonstrance of sundry citizens of Vigo county, against levying said tax, reported: That they have been informed that the committee of ways and means will report a bill, which will make provision for all such cases. Therefore, they consider it unnecessary to make such special provisions; and

ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said subject—And,

On motion,

The House concurred in said report, and said committee were discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Robb,

Stephen Chenault &co., have leave to withdraw their memorial and accompanying documents.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled with the engrosed bills, entitled, An act to repeal the third section of the special act, entitled “an act authorizing the review of a certain state road therein named, and for other purposes.” An act for the relief of certain persons therein named. And, the Act to attach a part of the county of Pike, to the county of Gibson. And find the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Gard, having obtained leave, introduced a bill supplementary to the act, entitled “an act concerning the secretary of state”—approved, Jan. 30, 1824; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Robb,

The petition of Zenas Mitchell and others, and the remonstrance of S. S. Collett and others were referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Maxwell, moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday, indefinitely postponing the bill supplementary to an act, entitled, an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution; which was carried in the affirmative. And on the question being put, shall said bill be indefinitely postponed? The same was carried in the negative—And

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendment made in committee of the whole on yesterday.—And,

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Said bill was re-committed to a select committee of

Messrs. Noble, Bassett, Nelson, Maxwell and Farrington.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Graham, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill from this House to amend the act "establishing a county treasurer"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824, without amendment. And he then withdrew.

Mr. Oliver having obtained leave, introduced a bill amendatory to the act, entitled an act for opening and repairing public roads and highways; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

Bills of the following titles, were read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow, to wit:

The bill to amend the act, entitled "an act providing for the settlement of decedents' estates"—approved, Jan. 26, 1824. The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled, an act making an appropriation for opening a state road from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne. The bill for the relief of John Smock. The bill giving further powers to the agent of the state at Indianapolis. And, the bill supplementary to the act establishing a county treasurer, and to the act to license and regulate taverns.

Bills of the following titles, were read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow, to wit:

The bill to locate and establish a seminary in and for the county of Union. The bill authorizing the printing and distributing the acts, joint resolutions and journals of the present General Assembly. And, the bill relating to the state road from Bethlehem to Columbus.

The bill allowing further compensation for building a bridge over Laughery creek, and over Pigeon creek. was read a second time—And,

On motion of Mr. Beckes,



The further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The joint resolution relative to the regiment composed of the counties of Allen and Randolph, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill to incorporate the presbyterian congregation, presbyterian school, and the presbyterian church in Indianapolis, was read a second time.

Mr. Claypool, then moved to indefinitely postpone said bill. The ayes and noes being demanded thereon by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Claypool, Clendenin, Graham, Harris, Hiatt, Hoover, Huston, Irwin of B., Johnson, Langton, Lomax, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'-Mahan, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O. and Worth—22.

*And those who voted in the negative, are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Brown, Conner Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Gard, Hendricks, Hillis, Hurst, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Mann, Maxwell, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Posey, Walker and Stevens, sp'r—22.

The House being equally divided, Mr. Speaker decided that said motion was lost.

Mr. Robb, then moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill, until the second Monday in December next.

Mr. Maxwell, then moved to lay said bill on the table, which was lost.

The question then recurring on Mr. Robb's motion, the same was carried in the affirmative.

Engrossed bills of the following titles were read a third time and passed, to wit:

To incorporate the several townships in the county of Dearborn. To amend the act entitled, "an act incorporating the several congressional townships, and providing for public schools therein." To amend the

act concerning the seminary lands in Monroe and Gibson counties, and for other purposes. The engrossed bill supplemental to the act, entitled an act regulating the practice in suits at law. To amend an act to establish a board of trustees for the promotion of schools and education in Clark's Grant. To amend the act entitled "An act for the incorporation of county libraries.

*Ordered*, that the same be entitled "Acts," and that the Senate be informed thereof and their concurrence requested.

And then the House adjourned.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill reducing the salaries and fees of the several officers and persons therein named: and after some time spent therein—Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Mann reported said bill with one amendment, which was by striking it out from its enacting clause; which was read and concurred in by the House. The ayes and noes being demanded thereon by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Farrington, Graham, Harris, Hendricks, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Maxwell, M'Crary, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Posey, Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r.  
—25.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Brown, Erwin, Gard, Hiatt, Hillis, Irwin, Langton, Lomax, Mann, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Palmer, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb. Robertson, Tadlock, Walker and Wallace of D. and M.  
—21.

Mr. Nelson, then moved to amend said bill by adding the following, as sections No. one, two and three, to wit:

1. That the several fees annexed to the several items

of service contained in the act, entitled "an act regulating the fees of the several officers and persons therein named," be and the same are hereby reduced at the rate of one fourth of the amount thereof, as contained in said act, and no officer or person shall charge any more for any services which may be rendered by him, than at the above reduced rate, under the penalties in said act described; and the court, or any judge or clerk in taxing any bill of costs, shall be governed by this provision.

2. That in all cases of services to be rendered by any clerk, for writing or recording any matter required of him, officially, which is not sufficiently provided for by law, he shall charge at the rate of ten cents per hundred words, and no more, under like penalties as aforesaid.

3. That in all other cases, not otherwise provided for, the circuit court shall make such allowance, having due regard to the ratio established in other cases, as may to such court seem just.

Mr. Pepper, then moved further to amend said bill by adding the following, as section four; which was adopted, to wit:

That the circuit prosecuting attorneys, in the several circuits, shall receive as a salary, after the second Monday in August next, \$200 per annum, and no more; any thing in the act "organizing circuit courts and defining their powers and duties"—approved, Jan. 30, 1824, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Hurst then moved, further to amend said bill by adding the following as a fifth section, which was not adopted, to wit:

That it shall not be the duty of any of the officers mentioned in this act, to comply with the requisitions of this act, unless the fees are tendered to him or them, and absolutely paid by the person or persons, applying to either of the said officers for the discharge of any of the duties prescribed in this act; or the person or persons shall tender to such officer or officers, good and sufficient freehold security for the payment of the said

fees, at the time the services of said officer or officers may be demanded.

Mr. Noble, then moved further to amend said bill by adding the following as a sixth section; which was not adopted, to wit:

That the pay of the members of the present General Assembly, shall be one dollar per day, and one dollar for every twenty-five miles in going to and returning from the seat of government.

Mr. Hurst, then moved further to amend said bill by adding the following as a seventh section, to wit:

That the pay of the members of the present General Assembly, shall be one dollar twenty-five cents per day, and no more. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted for the adoption of said amendment are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Conner, Hendricks, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Lomax, Mann, M'Intyre, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Posey, Richardson, Robertson, Walker, Worth and Stevens, sp'r—20.

*And those who voted against the adoption of said amendment are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hiatt, Huston, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Langton, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Mahan, Nelson, Ritchey, Robb, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M. and Wallace of O.—25.

So said amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Robb, then moved further to amend said bill by adding the following as an eighth section; which was not adopted, to wit:

That the annual salary of the auditor of public accounts, shall hereafter be three hundred dollars, and no more.

Mr. Beckes, then moved, still further to amend said bill by adding the following as a ninth section; which was adopted, to wit:

That in all prosecutions under any of the penal laws of the state, where the party shall confess or plead

guilty, the attorney prosecuting shall be allowed a docket fee of \$2, only.

The question then recurring on the adoption of Mr. Nelson's amendment as amended. And the ayes and noes being demanded thereon:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Brown, Erwin, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Irwin, Langton, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, Nelson, Palmer, Posey, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M. and Worth—22.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Lomax, Mann, M'Mahan, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Wallace of O. and Stevens, sp'r—24.

So said amendment as amended, was not adopted—

And on motion of Mr. Maxwell,

The further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Rariden, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a joint resolution for the benefit of Maj. John Allison, in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Said joint resolution was read first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion,

The committee of the whole to whom was committed the bill from the Senate authorizing the appointment of pilots at the falls of the Ohio, were discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Said bill was then read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, that the Senate be informed thereof.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the amendment of the law, and for the better advancement of justice: And after some time

spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Harris reported said bill with several amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That said bill be engrossed as amended and read a third time on to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 3, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from Wm. H. Lilly, auditor of public accounts.

INDIANAPOLIS, }  
AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 2, 1825. }

SIR,—In conformity to a resolution of the House of Representatives on the 1st inst. requiring from this office the number of acres of 1st, 2d, and third rate land, together with the number of polls from each county for the year 1824. I have the honour herewith to transmit the following report:—

COUNTIES.	1st Rate.	2d Rate.	3d Rate.	Polls.
Decatur,				498
Bartholomew,				538
Montgomery,				159
Floyd,	3,405	2,556	31,191	648
Hendricks,				137
Vigo,	35,948	58,722	2,468	789
Randolph,		29,702	10,807	427
Crawford,		21,714	8,225	419
Pike,	2,010	21,211	2,114	346
Franklin,	11,441	94,647	45,410	1,610
Knox,	17,984	52,286	68,841	940
Harrison,	2,516	39,536	114,028	1,369
Clark,	15,156	86,750	72,539	1,515
Jennings,	379	45,627	6,507	490
Orange,	501	34,977	37,393	1,010
Dearborn,	9,950	36,224	117,111	2,090
Johnson,				122
Lawrence,	244	59,503	32,952	985
Marion,				536
Madison,				122
Owen,	4,311	6,913	13,361	322
Vanderburgh,	2,697	19,141	6,357	323
Ripley,	586	44,294	8,591	588
Rush,				593
Henry,				398
Scott,	1,511	45,773	10,803	472
Martin,	7,533	15,969	740	250
Parke,	4,409	7,947	160	548
Spencer,	6,258	22,260	22,431	393
Switzerland,	7,149	90,781	16,824	992
Union,		45,148	37,492	879
Vermillion,	480	1,254	2,066	274
Warrick,	1,244	20,668	2,812	374
Shelby,				385
Sullivan,	2,722	41,927	13,313	691
Washington,	3,063	76,352	74,228	1,782
Wayne,	9,375	72,975	99,041	2,141
Gibson,	20,504	54,053	10,500	761
Hamilton,				160
Jackson,	2,856	39,664	11,359	569
Jefferson,	4,927	61,199	47,628	1,461
Daviess,	6,553	31,985	7,451	583
Allen,				124
Dubois,	1,520	13,531	1,439	262
Monroe,	617	35,988	10,342	685
Putnam,		640		340
Posey,	3,777	60,120	26,966	1,062
Perry,	11,878	9,650	309	467
Morgan,				220
Fayette,	2,000	28,460	32,000	952
In all,	207,534	1454,178	1012,799	34,061

The duplicate return from the county of Greene, does not specify the number of acres of land or polls, but merely the amount of tax due for state purposes, which amounts to \$550.

Very respectfully, yours &c.

WM. H. LILLY, A. P. A.

The Hon. SPEAKER of the H. R.

Mr. Conner, presented the petitions of Amos Hanway and Isaac Coe, of Marion county, praying certain relief named in their petition; which was read and referred to the same committee of the whole to whom was committed the bill giving further powers to the agent of the state at Indianapolis, and for other purposes.

Mr. Noble, submitted the following report; which was concurred in by the House, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee on the affairs of the town of Indianapolis, to whom was referred the petition of John Given and others, praying that the drift may be removed from Pogue's creek, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition; and request it may be referred to the committee of the whole to whom was referred the bill giving further powers to the agent for the state at Indianapolis, and for other purposes.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee on roads, submitted the following report; which was read and concurred in by the House, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The standing committee on roads, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Whetzell, praying for compensation for making and opening a road from the town of Somerset, in Franklin county, to the Bluffs of White River in this state, in the year 1818: Also, the petition of John Seeman and others, praying for the location of a state road, from the House of Amasa Makepeace, to the dwelling place of the widow Shimer, and thence to Newcastle, in Henry county: Also, the petition of Thomas E. M'Pherson and others, praying for the location of a state road from Bono to Livonia, thence to Levenworth's Mills, and thence to the town of Levenworth, in Crawford county, have had the petitions aforesaid, under consideration, and have directed me to report: That, in the opinion of the committee, it would be inexpedient to legislate on any of the aforesaid petitions.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Thompson, a member:



*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill entitled an act authorizing a change of venue in a certain case therein named, and a joint resolution relative to certain mail routes, in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said bill and joint resolution, was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bills, entitled An act to provide for taking the enumeration of the free white male inhabitants, over the age of twenty one years. An act to provide for the appointment of a separate commissioner for that part of the state road leading from Mank's ferry, to Indianapolis, which lies between Franklin and Indianapolis. And an act amending the act, "establishing a county treasurer"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824, And find the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Tadlock, from the select committee to whom was referred a resolution of this House on the 15th ult. on that subject, reported a bill to encourage the killing of wolves; which was read the first time.

Mr. Beckes, then moved to reject said bill; which was negatived.

*Ordered,* That said bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson, submitted the following report; which was read and concurred in by the House, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Barzilla Willey, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion, That any legal obligation created by the transaction between Clark county and the petitioner, cannot be affected by any legislative act.—They conceive the remedy of the petitioner to depend upon his contract, and to be pursued against the county of Clark, as in other cases; if his claim arises from equitable considerations, his application ought to be

made to the board of justices of said county. They therefore, consider it inexpedient to act on said petition, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof—And,

On motion,

Said committee were discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Mr. Conner, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Amasa Makepeace and others, praying the formation of a new county out of the counties of Delaware and                      reported: That they have had the same under consideration, and say that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted—And,

On motion,

The House concurred therein.

Mr. Nelson from the select committee, to whom was recommitted the bill to amend the act, organizing the supreme court, and defining its powers and duties, reported the same with amendments; which were read—And,

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

The further consideration of the same was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Robertson, having obtained leave, introduced a bill to repeal the fifth section of an act, declaring certain streams therein named, public highways; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Jackson of S., having obtained leave, introduced a bill to establish a state road from Charlestown, in Clark county, by the way of Lexington, in Scott county, to Madison, in Jefferson county; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The joint resolution from the Senate, for the benefit of Major John Allison; was read a second time and passed to a third reading to-morrow.

The bill to amend the act, entitled an act for opening and repairing public roads and highways. And the

bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Owen, Vigo and Putnam; were read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Saturday next.

The bill supplementary to the act, entitled an act concerning the secretary of state; was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The bill allowing compensation to the commissioners heretofore appointed to locate a state road from Terre-Haute to Fort Wayne, out of the county treasuries of the several counties through which the same runs; was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to morrow.

The bill divorcing Ruth Brooks, from her husband, George W. Brooks; was read a second time—And,

On motion of Mr. Posey,

The further consideration of the same was indefinitely postponed.

The bill for the relief of the citizens of Perry county, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to morrow.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, to repeal part of an act, entitled, an act concerning saltpetre caves, and for other purposes; was read a second time.

Mr. Maxwell, moved to amend the same by adding a proviso, requiring the owners of salt works, to keep the same enclosed, so that cattle &c., shall not get at the bitter water; which amendment was adopted.

*Ordered,* That the said amendment be engrossed, and together with said bill, read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Posey county; was read a second time.

Mr. Robb, moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill until the first Monday in December next; which was negatived—And,

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

Said bill was committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The joint resolution on the subject of the regiments

composed of the counties of Allen and Randolph, was read a third time. and passed.

*Ordered*, that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

Engrossed bills of the following titles were read a third time and passed, to wit:

"Authorizing the printing and distributing the Acts, Joint Resolutions, and Journals of the present General Assembly." "Relating to the state road leading from Bethlehem to Columbus." "To locate a seminary in and for the county of Union," and a bill "amendatory of the law and for the better advancement of justice."

*Ordered*, that said bills be entitled "Acts," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills reported, that they did on this day present to his excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature, an act to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Madison in the county of Jefferson, approved, Dec. 22, 1823." An act to repeal the third section of the special act, entitled "An act authorizing the review of a certain state road therein named, and for other purposes." "An act to attach a part of the county of Pike to the county of Gibson." "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named." "A joint resolution disapproving the amendment proposed by the state of Georgia to the constitution of the United States on the subject of the ingress of the people of colour, into the several states of the Union." "A joint resolution relative to the removal of the land office at Brookville to Indianapolis." And, "A joint resolution relative to the agent of the three per cent. fund.

Mr. Beckes moved to re-consider the vote heretofore taken, rejecting the bill for the relief of purchasers of lots in Indianapolis;" which was carried in the affirmative.

And on the question, shall said bill be rejected? The same was carried in the affirmative.

And then the House adjourned.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act, providing for opening a canal at the falls of the Ohio—approved, Jan. 31, 1824. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. M'Intyre reported progress, and asked leave to sit again; which leave was granted.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bills, entitled, an act legalizing the proceedings of the courts doing county business in the counties of Marion, Hamilton and Allen. An act, authorizing the administrator and administratrix of the estate of Thomas Osborn, deceased, to complete a conveyance of certain lands therein named. And an act to provide for a change of venue in a certain case therein named, and find the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 4, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hurst, presented a claim of Marston G. Clark, against the state, for certain services by him rendered; which was read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Oliver, presented a petition of William Youse, late sheriff and collector of Union county, praying certain relief: And also, the certificate of J. C. Hammond, on that subject; which were read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee on roads, submitted the following report; which was read and concurred in by the House, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The standing committee on roads, to whom was referred the petition of Henry C. Hammond and others, praying that the east fork of White Water, shall be declared a public highway, and navigable from its junction with the west fork of said river, to the town of Richmond, in Wayne county, have had the subject under consideration, and instructed me to report: That it would be inexpedient to act on said petition during the present session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee on canals and internal improvements, reported a bill providing for the survey and location of the route for a canal, to connect the Navigation of the Wabash river, and the Miami of Lake Erie. And a joint memorial to the Congress of the United States, on that subject; which were read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson, also submitted the following report; which was read and laid on the table, to wit:

The committee on canals and internal improvements, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message, as relates to the proposed canal between the rivers Wabash and Miami of Lake Erie, have had that subject under consideration, and report:

That the Congress of the United States, by act approved May 26, 1824, granted to the state of Indiana, the privilege to survey and mark the route of a canal to connect the navigation of the rivers Wabash, and the Miami of Lake Erie, and ninety feet on each side of the canal to be secured from sale and vested in the state. Upon condition that the state should survey and direct the canal to be opened, and deliver to the commissioner of the general land office, a map thereof within three years after the date of the act aforesaid, that said canal shall be completed within twelve years thereafter, and that said canal shall not cease to be used for a canal fit for navigation, and shall forever be and remain a highway for the United States, free from toll or charge for the passage of their property or persons in their service on public business, passing through the same; and on failure of either of said conditions, the said grant and

reservation is to revert to the United States. By the said act, congress reserved the sections through which the said canal may pass, from sale, until directed by law, and the state of Indiana is authorized, without waste, to use the materials on the public lands adjacent to the said canal for its construction. It has been suggested to your committee that the proposed route is about twenty three miles, and the grant estimating the breadth of the proposed canal at forty feet at the surface, will therefore cover about six hundred and twenty one acres.

This grant, your committee regret to say, bears upon its face such a character of closeness and penury that no politician having a just regard to the interest of the state ought to be willing to accept it. The conditions of the grant are of more value, your committee consider than the grant itself, but your committee are not without hope, that upon a second application to Congress, the grant may be so extended, that the state may accept of it without material detriment to her interests.

In the event of Congress so extending the grant, and the objection that most part of the route is now covered by Indian title, can be removed by an extinguishment of that title—Your committee are of opinion that measures should be taken to secure the territory, in order to the eventual accomplishment of the project. From information your committee believe the canal is quite practicable, and that its ultimate advantage to the state will be very great. Your committee therefore, recommend the adoption of a memorial to congress, for the purpose of extinguishing the Indian title, and praying an enlargement of the grant by Congress, and the passage of an act providing for the examination, survey and location of the proposed canal, so soon as it shall be practicable and expedient, which are herewith reported.

Mr. Johnson, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of John M'Intyre and others, reported a bill supplementary to the act, entitled an act establishing a road from Petersburg to Washington;

which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Palmer, from the select committee to whom was referred a petition on that subject, reported a bill to provide for the better improvement of the state road from Rushville to Indiansapolis; which was read the first time—And,

On motion,

Mr. Tadlock, moved to reject said bill; which was negatived.

Mr. Richardson, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Fisher and others, reported a bill to incorporate Medical Societies for the purpose of regulating the practice of physic and surgery, in this state; which was read the first time.

Whereupon,

Mr. Tadlock, moved to reject said bill; which was negatived—rule having been dispensed with, said bill was read a second time by its title, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Walker, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of William C. Bramwell and others, reported a bill to establish a state road from Vernon to Brookville; which was read and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Noble, from the select committee to whom was re-committed the bill supplementary to the act, subjecting real and personal estate to execution; reported the same with an amendment, by adding eleven new sections, after the enacting clause; which were twice read and concurred in by the House—And,

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Said bill was re-committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Jackson of S., having obtained leave, introduced a bill to attach a part of the county of Jefferson to the county of Scott; which was read the first time—And,

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

Said bill was rejected.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.



The bill to encourage the killing of wolves, was read a second time.

Whereupon,

Mr. Robb, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said bill; which was carried in the negative—And,

On motion,

Said bill was committed to a committee of the whole House to morrow.

The joint resolution relative to certain mail routes; was read the second time—And

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Was so amended as to include Newcastle, in Henry county, and Vevay, in Switzerland county.

*Ordered*, That said amendment be engrossed, and together with said joint resolution, be read a third time to-morrow.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Ray, his private secretary.

*Mr. Speuker*,

I am instructed by the Governor, to deliver to the House of Representatives, the following message in writing: And to inform the House that he did, on yesterday, approve and sign,

An act to repeal the third section of the special act, entitled "an act authorizing the review of a certain state road therein named"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824, and for other purposes.

A joint resolution disapproving the amendment proposed by the state of Georgia, to the constitution of the United States, on the subject of the ingress of people of colour, into the several states in the Union.

An act for the relief of certain persons therein named.

An act to attach part of the county of Pike to the county of Gibson.

An act to provide for the appointment of a separate commissioner, for that part of the state road, leading from Mauk's ferry to Indianapolis, which lies between the town of Franklin and Indianapolis.

An act to provide for taking the enumeration of the

free white male inhabitants above the age of twenty-one years—and,

An act amending the act establishing a county treasurer, which originated in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Ray, at the same time, delivered the following message in writing, from his Excellency the Governor, to wit:

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

I have recently received the report of a committee, and a joint resolution of the Legislature of Georgia, on the subject of emancipating slaves. This is communicated to you, that it may accompany other documents on the same subject, already in possession of the House.

WILLIAM HENDRICKS.

*Indianapolis, 3d Feb. 1825.*

On motion,

Said report and joint resolution, were referred to a select committee of Messrs. Bassett, Maxwell, Farrington and Hillis.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Gray, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an act from this House, entitled an act to incorporate the several townships in the county of Dearborn, without amendment: And they have also passed an act, providing for an alteration in the state road leading from Lawrenceburgh to Indianapolis; in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time—And,

On motion of Mr. Ritchey,

Said bill was rejected.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Graham:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an act from the House of Representatives, relative to the state road from Bethlehem to Columbus, without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The bill from the Senate, authorizing a change of venue in a certain case; was read a second time and

committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have been officially informed, that the Governor did, on the 3d inst., approve and sign, A joint resolution relative to the agent of the three per cent. fund. Also, a joint resolution relative to the removal of the land office at Brookville to Indianapolis. Also, an act to amend the act, entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Madison, in the county of Jefferson"—approved, Dec. 23, 1823. And, that the Senate have passed a joint resolution respecting the gradual emancipation of slaves, and the colonization of free people of colour, without amendment. And he then withdrew.

The bill to repeal the fifth section of an act declaring certain streams therein named, public highways; was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Bassett. moved to re-consider the vote of this morning, rejecting the bill from the Senate providing for an alteration in the state-road from Lawrenceburgh to Indianapolis; which was carried in the affirmative. The question being put, shall said bill be rejected? And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hillis, Huston, Irwin, Johnson, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, Palmer, Ritchey, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—28.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Brown, Hiatt, Hoover, Hurst, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Langton, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Posey, Richardson and Robb—16.

So said bill was rejected.

The bill from the Senate, to repeal a certain part of the act concerning saltpetre caves, and for other purposes; was read a third time, as amended, and passed.

*Ordered.* That the clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence in said amendment.

The bill to establish a state road from Charlestown, by the way of Lexington to Madison, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Commer, asked and obtained leave of absence from attending on this House, as a member thereof, until Monday next.

Whereupon, the House adjourned.

2 o'clock <sup>P.</sup> M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Grass, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill to attach a part of the county of Warrick, to the county of Spencer, in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was then read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

The engrossed bill for the relief of the citizens of the county of Perry; was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered.* that the same be entitled "an Act," the Senate informed thereof, and their concurrence therein requested.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they had compared the enrolled with the engrossed bills, entitled, An act to incorporate the Tanner's creek bridge company. An act for the relief of the securities of the late sheriff of Floyd county. And, an act to provide for the payment of certain claims allowed by the circuit court of Sullivan county; and had found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon, the Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered,* that the clerk carry the same to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The engrossed bill, allowing compensation to the

commissioners heretofore appointed to locate a state road from Terre Haute to Fort Wayne, out of the treasuries of the counties through which said road passes; was read the third time.

Whereupon,

Mr. Robertson, moved to postpone the further consideration thereof, until the first Monday in December next; which was decided in the affirmative.

The joint resolution from the Senate, for the benefit of Major John Allison; was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Beckes, moved that the House now resolve itself into a committee of the whole upon the bill to amend the act, entitled "an act for opening a canal at the falls of the river Ohio;" which motion was negatived.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, upon the bill to change the mode of affording relief to the poor: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wallace of O. reported the said bill with sundry amendments; which being read,

Mr. Tadlock, moved to postpone the further consideration thereof, until the first Monday in December next; which was determined in the affirmative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members, were as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Erwin, Farrington, Harris, Hiatt, Hoover, Hurst, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Mann, M'Crary, W'Maban, Posey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—26.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Crane, Graham, Gard, Hendricks, Hillis, Huston, Irwin, Maxwell, M'Intyre, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Ritchey and Wallace of O.—18.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled

bills, reported: That said committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act relating to the state road leading from Bethlehem to Columbus. An act for the relief of certain persons therein named. And, a joint resolution respecting the gradual emancipation of slaves, and colonization of people of colour, within the United States; and found the same to be truly enrolled.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That the committee had examined the enrolled bill, entitled,

An act authorizing the appointment of pilots at the falls of the river Ohio. in this state; and had found the same to be truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

*Ordered.* That the clerk carry the same to the Senate, for the signature of their President.

And then the House adjourned.

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SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 5, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled "An act to amend the act regulating the taking up of animals going astray, and water craft and other articles of value adrift," with two amendments—by striking out the 3d and 4th section of said bill; in which amendments they ask the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said amendments were read and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* that the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Johnson, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to locate a seminary in and for the county of Union," without amendment. And he then withdrew.

Mr. Wallace of D. and M., presented a petition of Ephraim Owen, jr. and others, and John Murphy and others, praying a re-location of that part of the state road, leading from the Highbanks to Indianapolis, which lies between Washington and Spencer, so that the same run by Bloomfield; which were read, and referred to a select committee, of Messrs. Wallace of D. and M., Harris, M. Mahan and Armstrong.

Mr. Beckes presented a remonstrance of John W. Wines and others, against re-locating said road; which was read and referred to the last named select committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate concur in the amendment made by the House of Representatives to the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "An act, to repeal part of the act concerning saltpetre caves, and for other purposes. And that they have passed engrossed bills from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the act to establish a board of trustees for the promotion of schools and education in Clark's grant." And, an act to amend the act for the incorporation of county libraries, without amendment. And he then withdrew.

Mr. Maxwell, after leave being granted, introduced a bill giving to the citizens of the several counties in this state the right of opening useful streams and keeping them open as highways; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Brown, after leave granted, introduced a bill to amend the act relative to county boundaries, approved, Jan. 31, 1824; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Hiatt, after leave granted, introduced a bill to amend the act for the incorporation of towns; which

was read the first time, and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Claypool, after having obtained leave, introduced a bill for the benefit of mechanics; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Wallace of D. and M. presented a memorial of Richard Palmer, praying compensation as one of the commissioners for fixing the seat of justice of Parke county; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Wallace, of D. and M., Farrington, and Beckes.

Mr. Maxwell, presented the petition of the trustees of the Presbyterian congregation in Indianapolis, praying certain relief; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Maxwell, Palmer, Noble, Conner and Huston.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of Joseph Rawlings, to have refunded him a certain amount of tax by him improperly paid; which was read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Hendricks presented the petition of James T. Brown and others, of Decatur county, praying a change in that part of the state road from Madison to Greensburgh, which lies in said county; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Hendricks, Ritchey, Palmer, Hillis and Walker.

Mr. Robertson, after obtaining leave, introduced a bill to legalize the proceedings of the board of commissioners, of Vermillion county, for the year 1824: which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Nelson, after having obtained leave, introduced a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading on Monday next. [ This proposes to amend the constitution of the U. S. so as to vest the right of electing senators to congress, immediately in the people. ]

Mr. Hoover, after having obtained leave, introduced a bill relative to fugitives from labour; which was read



the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Farrington, after having obtained leave, introduced a bill authorizing the board of justices of Vigo county, to appropriate the amount of money in the treasury of said county, belonging to the road fund, in discharge of the judgment of John Brocklebank vs. said county; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Richardson, after having obtained leave, introduced a bill to establish a state road from Harmony, in Posey county, to the Polk Patch, in Warrick county; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Hendricks, asked leave to introduce a bill to amend the act regulating the duties and jurisdiction of justices of the peace; which leave was refused, the same subject having been acted on during the present session.

Mr. Palmer, asked leave to present a bill fixing the salaries of circuit prosecuting attorneys, and abolishing the office of Attorney General; which leave was not given, the same subject also, having been acted on during the present session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Faruham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled, An act respecting state roads, with amendments. And also, an engrossed bill, entitled an act authorizing the printing and distributing the acts, joint resolutions and journals of the present General Assembly, with amendments; in which said amendments to said bills, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The first and second amendments to the first named bill, were read and agreed to, and the third amendment was disagreed to; and the amendments to the last named bill, were read and agreed to generally.

*Ordered.* That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Walker, after having asked and obtained leave, introduced a bill to amend the act authorizing the lay-

ing off certain state roads in this state, and appropriating \$100,000, of the fund commonly called the three per cent. fund, for opening said roads; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Farrington, after having obtained leave, introduced a bill to establish a state road from Terre-Haute to the western boundary of this state, on the direction to Vandalia; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Nelson, moved to re-consider the vote on concurring in the first amendment made by the Senate, to the bill respecting highways; which was carried in the affirmative. Said amendment was then amended by requiring petitions, under the second section of said act, to the circuit courts for alterations in state roads, to be signed by twelve freeholders. Said amendment as amended, was then agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

Mr. Bassett, presented a petition of Benjamin Walker and others, of Dearborn county, praying certain relief therein named; which was read and referred to a select committee of Messrs. Bassett, Pepper and Palmer.

Mr. Gard, presented a petition of S. Beal and others, of Switzerland county, praying a law to pass to encourage the breeding of sheep; which was read and referred to the same committee of the whole House, to whom was committed the bill to encourage the killing of wolves.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The bill to provide for the better improvement of the state road from Rushville to Indianapolis; was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

The bill providing for a survey and location of the route for a canal to connect the waters of the Wabash river, with the Miami of Lake Erie. The bill supplemental to the act entitled, an act establishing a state road from Petersburg to Washington; were severally read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act attaching a part of the county of Warrick to the county of Spencer; was read a second time and ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

The bill to establish a state road from Vernon to Brookville; was read a second time—And,

On motion of Mr. Ritchey,

The further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed bill to repeal the fifth section of an act declaring certain streams therein named, public highways; was read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The joint resolution from the Senate, relative to certain mail routes; was read a third time as amended and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The engrossed bill to establish a state road from Charlestown, by Lexington to Madison; was read a third time. And on the question being put, shall said bill pass? Was carried in the negative.

So said bill did not pass.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*,

The Senate concur in the amendment made by the House of Representatives, to the first amendment made by the Senate, to the bill from the House of Representatives, respecting state roads. And they recede from their third amendment to the bill from this House, authorizing the printing and distributing the acts, joint re-

solutions and journals of the present General Assembly. They concur in the amendment made by this House, to the joint resolution which originated in the Senate, respecting certain mail routes.

They have passed an engrossed bill, entitled an act to establish a state library. And also, an act to amend an act, entitled an act relating to county seminaries; which originated in this House, without amendment.— And they have passed an act legalizing the proceedings of the commissisners, in relocating certain state roads; in which last mentioned bill, they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

The committee of the whole, to whom was committed the bill authorizing the docketing with the clerks of the circuit courts, transcripts of judgments obtained before justices of the peace, in certain cases; were discharged from the further consideration of the same.

*Ordered*, That said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act supplemental to an act declaring Blue river a public highway, and for other purposes: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wallace of D. and M. reported the same without amendment.

Said bill was then read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Senate be informed thereof.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act authorizing domestic attachments, and to regulate proceedings therein: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Langton reported said bill with one amendment, which was by striking out the first and only section of said bill. Said amendment being read,

Mr. Tadlock moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration thereof; which was carried in the affirmative.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled

"An act to regulate the judicial circuits, and fixing the times of holding courts therein:" And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Clendenin reported said bill with several amendments. The first and second amendments were read and concurred in by the House generally.

The ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Robb, and Bassett, on concurring in the third amendment; which was by striking out the 8<sup>th</sup> section in said bill, which gave to grand and petit jurors, fifty cents per day each, to be paid out of the county treasury, and the petit jurys' fees, as now allowed by law to be paid into the county treasury when collected of the party bound to pay the same.

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Clendenin, Erwin, Farrington, Hendricks, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Jackson of D., Langton, Mann, M'Crary, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Posey, Richardson, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M., and Stevens, sp'r—22.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Graham, Gard, Harris, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of S., Johnson, Lomax, Maxwell, M'Intyre, W'Mahan, Pepper, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Wallace of O., and Worth—20.

So said amendment was concurred in.

Mr. Robb, then moved further to amend said bill, by adding the following as an additional section, to wit:

"That each grand and petit juror who shall be summoned, to attend any circuit court, shall receive seventy five cents per day, for each day they may attend such court, as jurors aforesaid, to be paid out of the funds of their respective counties."

Mr. Claypool then moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "petit jurors," which was negatived.

The ayes and noes being demanded by two members on the adoption of Mr. Robb's amendment:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Erwin, Gard, Huston, Irwin,

Johnson, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Pepper, Robb and Worth—11.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Farrington, Graham, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Jackson of D., Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Posey, Richardson, Ritchey, Robertson, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., and Stevens, sp'r—31.

So said amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Pepper, then moved to further amend said bill, by adding the following as an additional section, which was not adopted, to wit:

“That traverse jurors shall hereafter be allowed fifty cents each, for each trial they shall decide, to be paid by the counsel for the successful party, before they shall be required to give their verdict.

Mr. Robb, then moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said bill, which was negatived.

Mr. Hurst, then offered the following, as an amendment to said bill, which was adopted, to wit:

“That each grand juror shall receive a credit of one day's labour, on public roads and highways in their respective townships, in addition to the exemptions now provided for by law.

Mr. Palmer, then moved still further to amend said bill, by requiring thirty seven and an half cents to be paid each petit juror, in each civil case they try, before they shall be required to give in their verdict; which was not adopted.

*Ordered*, that said amendments be engrossed, and with said bill be read a third time on Monday next.

The orders of the day having been dispensed with, Mr. Nelson, from the committee of ways and means, reported in part, a bill to amend the act, for assessing and collecting the revenue; which was read the first time—the rule having been dispensed with, was read a second time by its title, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, made the following report:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The joint committee for enrolled bills, did on this day, present to his excellency the Governor, for his approbation and signature, enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to incorporate the Tanner's Creek Bridge Company.

An act legalizing the proceedings of the courts doing county business, in the counties of Marion, Hamilton and Allen.

An act to provide for a change of venue in a certain case therein named.

An act to provide for the payment of certain claims allowed by the circuit court of Sullivan county.

An act authorizing the administrator and administratrix of the estate of Thomas Osborn, deceased, to complete a conveyance of certain lands therein named. And,

An act for the relief of the securities of the late sheriff of Floyd county.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

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MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 7, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Brown, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of William Youse and others, on the subject of authorizing a lottery for a certain purpose, reported, that it is inexpedient for the present General Assembly to legislate thereon; which report being read, was concurred in by the House.

Mr. Lomax made the following report, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee to whom was referred a resolution of this House providing for the printing the road law in pamphlet form for the use of supervisors in this state,

deem it inexpedient to act further on that subject, as they are informed the Senate have made provisions on said subject; which report being read was concurred in by the House.

Mr. Claypool, moved to re-consider the vote postponing until the first Monday in December next, the bill allowing compensation to the commissioners heretofore appointed to locate a state road from Terre-Haute to Fort Wayne, out of the county treasuries of the several counties through which said road passes; which was carried in the affirmative.

And on the question being put, shall said bill be postponed until the first Monday in Dec. next? The same was carried in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Farrington,

Leave is given to withdraw the petition of Messrs. Collett and Coleman, and accompanying documents.

Mr. Farrington, submitted the following report, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee to whom was referred that part of his excellency, the Governor's message relating to the state prison, together with sundry claims on account of said prison, report—That they have had the same under their consideration and gone through the same: That as relates to the petition of Stephen Ranney, the contract on the part of the state has been complied with, and that there are no peculiar circumstances in the case which entitle the petitioner to the relief prayed for. That the account of A. P. Spencer, late agent of the state prison, for certain services by him performed, being done without any contract on the part of the state, and not appearing to be absolutely necessary for the interests of the said prison, Your committee deem it inexpedient to make any allowance therefor. That they have examined the claims of James Keigwin, and consider that he ought to be allowed the sum of five dollars and eighty one cents. Also, the claim of John H. Farnham, assignee of a stated claim of the said James Keigwin on the said prison, and consider that he be allowed therefor the sum of forty six dollars.



Also, that Joseph A. Lingan be allowed the sum of two dollars and fifty cents for advertising for a contract to build the wall of the prison. Also, to Orlando Raymond, the sum of fifty dollars, for his services as agent, as certified by the former managers of the state prison. Also, to Ira Westover, for covering the wall of the state prison, eighty dollars—for plastering done on state prison, fifty three dollars—and for deficit, on account of his allowance as former keeper of said prison, made at the last session of the General Assembly, sixty-one dollars and twenty-cents; making together, one hundred and ninety-four dollars and twenty cents. And pray the allowances aforesaid be referred to the committee of ways and means, to be by them reported in the bill of specific appropriations; which report being read, was concurred in by the House.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day. The bill to amend the act relative to county boundaries, approved, Jan. 31, 1824. The bill to amend the act providing for the incorporation of towns. And, the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act authorizing the laying off certain state roads in this state, and appropriating one hundred thousand dollars of the fund commonly called the three per cent. fund, for opening the same;" were severally read a second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The bill to establish a state road from Terre-Haute to the western boundary of this state, in the direction of Vandalia. The bill legalizing the proceedings of the board of commissioners of Vermillion county, for the year 1824. The bill authorizing the county board of justices, of Vigo county, to appropriate the amount of money in the treasury of said county, belonging to the road fund, in discharge of the judgment of John Brocklebanck vs. said county. And, the bill to establish a state road from Harmony, in Posey county, to the Polk Patch, in Warrick county;" were severally read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill for the benefit of mechanics, was read a second time.

Mr. Claypool, then moved to fill the blank, in the second section, with "one year," which was adopted.

*Ordered*, that said bill, as amended, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The joint resolution proposing a change to the constitution of the United States, was read a second time—

Whereupon,

Mr. Palmer moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the same. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Brown, Claypool, Conner, Hurst, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, Noble, Palmer, and Stevens, speaker—10.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Clendenin, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Mann, M'Mahan, Nelson, Oliver, Pepper, Posey, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O. and Worth—36.

So said joint resolution was not indefinitely postponed.

*Ordered*, that the same be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "An act legalizing the proceedings of the commissioners in re-locating certain state roads;" was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Gregory, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "An act, establishing certain state roads therein named;" in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time—rule having been dispensed with, was read a second time by its title—

Whereupon,

Mr. Palmer, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the same; which was carried in the negative—And,

On motion.

Said bill was committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant Secretary.

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have adopted a joint resolution from this House relative to the regiments composed of the counties of Allen and Randolph, with amendments; in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Said amendments were read and agreed to.

*Ordered.* That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The bill relative to fugitives from labour; was read a second time—

Whereupon,

Mr. Beckes, moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill indefinitely. And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Hoover and Brown:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Conner, Crane, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hurst, Jackson of S., Johnson, McCrary, M'Mahan, Richardson, Walker and Stevens, sp'r—15.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Erwin, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Intyre, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Posey, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O. and Worth—30.

So said bill was not indefinitely postponed.

On motion,

The same was committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The bill giving the citizens of the several counties in this state, the right of opening useful streams and keeping them open as public highways; was read a second time—

Whereupon,

Mr. Hurst, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said bill; which was decided in the negative.

*Ordered*, That said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act to amend the act regulating the judicial circuits, and fixing the time of holding courts therein; was read a third time as amended, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence in said amendments.

The engrossed bill authorizing the docketing with the clerks of the circuit courts, transcripts of judgments rendered by justices of the peace in certain cases; was read a third time. And on the question being put, shall said bill pass? Was carried in the affirmative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Johnson, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Mahan, Nelson, Oliver, Palmer, Posey, Richardson, Robb, Robertson, Wallace of O. and Worth—26.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Farrington, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Jackson of S., Langton, M'Intyre, Noble, Pepper, Ritchey, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M. and Stevens sp'r—20.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The bill from the Senate attaching a part of the county of Warrick to the county of Spencer; was read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Senate be informed thereof.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate authorizing called sessions of the circuit courts: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lomax reported the same with two amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, That said amendments be engrossed, and together with said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to amend an act to establish a board of trustees for the promotion of schools and education in Clark's grant. And an act to locate a seminary in and for the county of Union, and find the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, That the clerk take said bills to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

The committee of the whole to whom was committed the bill from the Senate, for the relief of the securities of William H. Moore, late collector of Clark county; was discharged from the consideration of the same.

And on motion of Mr. Armstrong,

Said bill was amended by striking out the preamble thereto.

The said bill was then read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hillis,

The committee of the whole to whom was committed the bill from the Senate, making an appropriation for opening a state road from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne; were discharged from the consideration of the same.

Said bill was then read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to the act, concerning

the secretary of state—approved, Jan. 30, 1824: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Conner reported said bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, for the benefit of Charles Crabb: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Robertson reported said bill with one amendment; which was read and concurred in.

*Ordered*, That said amendment be engrossed and together with said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bills entitled, An act to repeal part of the act, entitled an act concerning saltpetre caves, and for other purposes. An act to amend an act for the incorporation of county libraries. An act to incorporate the several townships in Dearborn county. An act to amend the act, entitled an act regulating the taking up of animals going estray, and water crafts and other articles of value adrift. And a joint resolution for the benefit of Major John Allison, and find the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, That the clerk take said bills and joint resolution to the Senate, for the signature of their president.

Mr. Hillis, further reported: That they did on this day, present to his Excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature: An act for the relief of certain persons therein named. An act relating to the state road leading from Bethlehem to Columbus. An act authorizing the appointment of Pilots, at the falls of the

Ohio, in this state. And a joint resolution respecting the gradual emancipation of slaves, and colonization of free people of colour, within the United States.

The committee of the whole to whom was committed the bill relating to the navigation of the eastern and western branches of White River; were discharged from the consideration of the same.

Mr. Tadlock, then moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill until the first Monday in December next; which was carried in the negative.

The blank in the second section of said bill was filled with \$1 50, the per diem allowance to the commissioner appointed under said act.

*Ordered*, That said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill supplemental to the act establishing a county treasurer, and the act to license and regulate taverns. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Palmer reported said bill with several amendments.

The amendments were, by striking out the first and second sections of said bill; which gave to the informer half the penalty incurred by said act, which was not to be a less sum than \$25: And adding a proviso to the third section thereof, requiring the circuit courts to give said act in charge to grand juries. The ayes and noes being demanded on concurring in said amendments, the same was carried in the affirmative:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Clendenin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Lomax, Mann, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker and Wallace of D. and M.—24.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Claypool, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Hillis, Harst, Huston, Irwin, Langton, Maxwell, M'Crary, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Posey, Rich-

ardson, Ritchey, Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—22.

And on motion of Mr. Bassett,

The further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act, entitled an act providing for the settlement of decedents' estates, and for other purposes: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Claypool reported said bill with several amendments; which was by striking out said bill from its enacting clause, and substituting three new sections in lieu thereof.

(These new sections gave to the associate judges in each county, the power to do probate business, in vacation, subject to the alteration and revision of the circuit court.)

Mr. Tadlock, then moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said bill: And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, the same was carried in the negative:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Farrington, Graham, Hillis, Hurst, Jackson of S., Johnson, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, Nelson, Posey, Richardson, Ritchey, Walker, and Wallace of D. and M.—15.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Langton, Lomax, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—31.

The House then concurred in the amendment made in committee of the whole.

*Ordered,* That said bill be engrossed as amended, and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:



*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill to attach a part of the county of Delaware to the county of Marion, in which they desire the concurrence of this House: And they have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled an act concerning the seminary lands in Gibson and Monroe counties. and for other purposes, without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The first named bill was read the first time and passed to a second reading to morrow.

Mr. Conner, moved to re-consider the vote taken some time since, postponing until the first Monday in December next, the bill from the Senate appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Lawrence county; which was carried in the affirmative.— And on the question being put, shall said bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next? The same was carried in the negative.

Mr. Erwin, then moved to commit said bill to a select committee; which was negatived—And,

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

Said bill was committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill giving further powers to the agent of the state at Indianapolis. And the petition of Isaac Coe, and another: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hillis. reported progress and asked leave to sit again; which leave was given.

And then the House adjourned.

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TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 3, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Bassett, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Walker, of Dearborn county, reported a bill for the relief of the petitioner;

which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bills of the following titles: An act authorizing the printing and distributing the acts, joint resolutions and journals of the present General Assembly. An act to amend an act, entitled "an act relating to county seminaries." And, a joint resolution relative to the regiment composed of the counties of Allen and Randolph, and find the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, That the clerk carry the same to the Senate for the signature of their president.

Mr. Hillis made a further report: That the joint committee for enrolled bills, did on this day, present to his Excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature,

An act to incorporate the several townships in the county of Dearborn.

An act to amend the act, entitled an act regulating the taking up of animals going astray, and water craft and other articles of value adrift.

An act to amend an act, entitled an act, for the incorporation of county libraries.

An act to repeal part of the act, entitled an act concerning saltpetre caves, and for other purposes.

An act to locate a seminary in and for the county of Union.

An act to amend an act, to establish a board of trustees for the promotion of schools and education in Clark's Grant.

And a joint resolution of the General Assembly, for the benefit of Major John Allison.

Mr. Beckes, submitted the following report:

*Mr. Speaker,*

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel M'George, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report: That in the opinion of the committee, the prayer of the petitioner is

reasonable and just; and that the county of Marion, in justice, should make him some compensation for the difference between the price of range, and double flemish bond, work done by the petitioner, on the stone wall and stone work on the court house in Indianapolis. The committee are constrained to make this suggestion, inasmuch, as it appears from the information they have obtained upon this subject, that the reason why he done the work in a better manner than was contemplated by the original contract, was upon the request of the commissioners and citizens of Marion county. And your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said subject.

Which report being read, was concurred in by the House. And said committee were discharged from the further consideration of said subject.

Mr. Bassett, from the select committee to whom was referred a communication from the Governor of Georgia, a few days since, reported a joint resolution, disapproving of the resolutions of the state of Georgia of 7th December, 1824, on the subject of the abolition of slavery; which was read the first time and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Hendricks, submitted the following report:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee to whom was referred a resolution of this House relative to an enquiry into the expediency of passing a law more positively defining the duties of county surveyors, report—That any further legislative interference at the present is inexpedient.

Which report being read, was concurred in by the House.

Mr. Maxwell, from the select committee, to whom was referred, the petition of the trustees of the Presbyterian congregation at Indianapolis, reported a bill to amend an act for the appointment of trustees to receive deeds for lots or lands, given or purchased for the use of schools, meeting houses, and masonic lodges; which was read the first time—And,

On motion of Mr. Pepper,

Said bill was rejected.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The bill from the Senate, attaching a part of the county of Delaware to the county of Marion, and the bill from the Senate legalizing the proceedings of the commissioners, in relocating certain state roads; were severally read a second time, and passed to a third reading to morrow.

The engrossed bill to establish a state road from Terre-Haute to the western boundary of the state, in the direction of Vandalia, in Illinois. The engrossed bill legalizing the proceedings of the board of commissioners of Vermillion county, for the year 1824. The engrossed bill for the benefit of Mechanics. And, the engrossed bill to establish a state road from Harmony, in Posey county, to the Polke Patch, in Warrick county; were severally read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "Acts," and that the clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence.

The engrossed bill authorizing the board of justices of Vigo county, to appropriate the amount of money in the treasury of said county, in discharge of the judgment of John Brocklebanck, vs. said county; was read a third time. And on the question being put, shall said bill pass? The same was carried in the negative.

So said bill did not pass.

The bill from the Senate, authorizing called sessions of the circuit courts; was read a third time as amended and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence in said amendment.

The bill from the Senate, for the benefit of Charles Crabb; was read a third time and passed, as amended.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence in said amendment.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Chambers, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an engrossed bill, authorizing justices of the peace to issue writs of *ne exeat*, in

which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time—

Whereupon,

Mr. Beckes, moved to reject said bill. The ayes and noes being demanded, the same was carried in the negative:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Farrington, Hoover, Johnson, Langton, M'Crary, Nelson, Pepper, Posey, Ritchey, Worth and Stevens, sp'r—15.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Richardson, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M. and Worth—30.

*Ordered,* That said bill be read a second time tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Hillis,

The orders of the day were for the present, dispensed with—And,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Lawrence county: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hillis reported said bill with several amendments; which were read and concurred in by the House.

On motion of Mr. Beckes,

Said bill was further amended by striking out the name of Henry P. Thornton, in the first section, and inserting the name of Amzi Joselyn, of Owen county; and by striking out the name of David H. Maxwell, and inserting John Ketcham—the rule was dispensed with, said bill was then read a third time as amended, and passed.

*Ordered,* That the clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

The House resumed the consideration of the orders of the day.

The engrossed bill to amend the act providing for the settlement of decedents' estates and for other purposes. And, the engrossed bill giving to the citizens of the several counties in this state, the right of opening useful streams and keeping the same open as public highways; were read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, that the same be entitled "Acts," and that the Senate be informed thereof and their concurrence requested.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Gray, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed a bill authorizing the administrators of the estate of John H. Piatt, deceased, to sell all the real estate of the deceased, in this state; in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time—the rule having been dispensed with, was read a second time, and passed to a third reading to-morrow.

The following message was received from the Governor, by Mr. Ray, his private secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

I am instructed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives, that he did on yesterday, approve and sign—

A joint resolution respecting the gradual emancipation of slaves, and colonization of people of color within the United States.

An act relating to the state road from Bethlehem to Columbus.

An act for the relief of certain persons therein named.

An act for the relief of the securities of the late sheriff of Floyd county.

An act authorizing the administrator and administratrix of the estate of Thomas Osborn, deceased, to complete a conveyance of certain lands therein named.

An act to provide for a change of venue in a certain case therein named.

An act legalizing the proceedings of the courts doing

county business in the counties of Marion, Hamilton, and Allen.

An act to provide for the payment of certain claims allowed by the circuit court of Sullivan county.

An act to incorporate the several townships in the county of Dearborn.

An act to amend the act, entitled "an act regulating the taking up of animals going astray, and water crafts and other articles of value adrift"—approved, Jan. 7, 1824.

An act to amend an act, entitled "an act for the incorporation of county libraries"—approved, Jan. 28, 1824.

An act to locate a seminary in and for the county of Union—And,

An act to amend an act, "to establish a board of trustees, for the promotion of schools and education in Clark's grant"—approved, Jan. 28, 1824; which originated in the House of Representatives.

And then the House adjourned.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The engrossed joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States; was read a third time and passed.

*Ordered,* That the clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary;

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate concur in the amendment made by the House of Representatives, to the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act to authorize called sessions of the circuit courts; and to the act for the benefit of Charles Crabb. They concur in the passage of an act to repeal the fifth section of an act, declaring certain streams therein named, public highways. They have passed an engrossed bill, entitled an act supplemental to the act to reduce the salary of the agent of the state at Indianapolis; in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The last mentioned bill was read the first time—

Whereupon,

Mr. Tadlock, moved to reject the same. And the ayes and noes being demanded, the same was carried in the negative:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Clendenin, Crane, Erwin, Harris, Hillis, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of S., Johnson, Mann, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Palmer, Posey, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M. and Wallace of O—21.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Conner, Graham, Gard, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Jackson of D., Langton, Lomax, Maxwell, M'Crary, Nelson, Noble, Pepper, Richardson, Worth and Stevens, sp'r—22.

*Ordered,* That said bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Maxwell, moved to re-consider the vote heretofore taken, indefinitely postponing the bill from the Senate, requiring certain persons to give notice of petitions presented to the General Assembly; which motion was carried in the negative.

The engrossed bill supplementary to the act, entitled an act concerning the secretary of state. And the engrossed bill relating to the navigation of the eastern and western branches of White River; were severally read a third time and passed.

*Ordered,* That the same be entitled "Acts," and that the clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill giving further powers to the agent of the state at Indianapolis. And, the petition of Isaac Coe, and another: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hillis reported said bill with several amendments; which being read were concurred in by the House.



On motion of Mr. Conner,

Said bill was further amended by adding the following thereto: And be it further enacted, that those who paid rent to the state, in the year 1823, for their improvements on the donation, be allowed to hold them rent free for three succeeding years, as a compensation for clearing and fencing the same, provided they be cleared smooth, and enclosed in a lawful fence at the expiration of that time.

*Ordered*, That said bill be engrossed and read a third time to morrow.

On motion of Mr. Posey,

The committee of the whole to whom was committed the bill for the relief of John Smock, were discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Said bill was considered as engrossed, read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled an "Act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

The committee of the whole to whom was committed the bill from the Senate, appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Posey county, were discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Said bill was then read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*,

The Senate concur in the amendments made in the House of Representatives, to the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act for the relief of the securities of William H. Moore, late collector of Clark county. They have received official information that the Governor did, on the 7th inst., approve and sign—

An act to repeal part of the act, entitled an act concerning saltpetre caves, and for other purposes.

An act authorizing the appointment of pilots at the falls of the Ohio river, in this state. An act to incorporate the Tanner's creek bridge company. A joint

resolution for the benefit of major John Allison. And they have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled an act authorizing the docketing with the clerks of the circuit courts, transcripts of judgments obtained before justices of the peace in certain cases, without amendment. And he then withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for opening and repairing roads and highways: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Armstrong reported: That they had made sundry amendments thereto; and afterwards further amended the same, by striking it out from its enacting clause; in which last amendment he asked the concurrence of the House. And on the question being put, will the House concur in the last named amendment? And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, the same was carried in the negative:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Graham, Hoover, Hurst, Jackson of S., Lomax, Posey, Ritchey, Robertson, Tadlock, Worth, and Stevens, sp'r—10.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Johnson, Langton, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Robb, Walker, Wallace of D. and M. and Wallace of O.—35.

And on motion,

The House concurred in the other amendments made in committee of the whole generally.

Mr. Irwin, offered the following, as a further amendment to said bill; which was adopted: Provided, however, that the supervisors appointed by the provisions of this act, in the several townships of what is called the new purchase, shall have a right to call out the hands allotted to them severally, four days in each year.

in order to put and keep the roads assigned them respectively, in repair.

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Owen, Vigo, and Putnam: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pepper reported said bill with several amendments; which being read, was concurred in by the House generally.

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit: An act to amend an act concerning the seminary lands in Monroe and Gibson counties, and for other purposes. And a joint resolution relative to certain mail routes, and find the same truly enrolled—

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, That the clerk carry the same to the Senate for the signature of their President.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 9, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Nelson from the committee of ways and means made a report on the state of the finances; which was read and referred to the same committee of the whole to whom was committed the bill to amend the act for assessing and collecting the revenue.

Mr. Nelson, also, from the same committee, reported a bill making specific appropriations for the year 1825. And also, a bill making general appropriations

for the year 1825; which were read the first and second times—the rule having been first dispensed with, and committed to the same committee of the whole, to whom was committed the revenue bill, and the report on the state of the finances.

Mr. Nelson, also submitted the following report:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee of ways and means, to whom was referred sundry claims and petitions, make report—that the claims of James Beard and Joseph Rawlings ought not to be allowed; and, that it is inexpedient to act upon the petition of William Youse. The other claims are allowed and included in the bill making specific appropriations.

Which report being read, was concurred in by the House.

Mr. Farrington, from the committee on canals and internal improvements, to whom was referred the petition of John Hadley and others, reported a bill supplemental to the act, repealing in part, an act declaring certain streams therein named, public highways; which was read the first and second times—rule having been first dispensed with, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Wallace, of D. and M., from the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Murphy and others, reported a bill authorizing a review of the state road from the High Banks, on White River, to Washington, thence to Spencer, and thence to Indianapolis; which was read the first time—the rule having been dispensed with, was read a second time.

Mr. Palmer, then moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said bill; which was decided in the negative.

On motion,

Said bill was committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate concur in the amendments made by the

House of Representatives to the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "An act appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Lawrence county.

In consequence of leave of absence having been granted, Mr. Rariden, who was one of a committee of free conference, on a bill from this House, relative to the three per cent. fund, Mr. Thompson has been appointed in his place, on that committee.

And the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled an act to repeal a part of the act, entitled "An act authorizing the laying off certain state roads in this state, and appropriating one hundred thousand dollars of the fund commonly called the three per cent. fund, for opening the same; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Wallace, of D. and M., from the select committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Richard Palmer, reported a bill allowing compensation to the memorialist, as one of the commissioners appointed to locate the seat of justice of Parke county; which was read the first time—the rule having been dispensed with, was read a second time and passed to a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Hendricks, from the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Belt and others, reported a bill attaching a part of the county of Ripley to the county of Decatur; which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to the act to reduce the salary of the agent of the state at Indianapolis. [This bill was to increase the salary of the agent from one hundred dollars to two hundred dollars per annum.] Was read a second time.

Mr. Robertson then moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said bill. And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, the same was carried in the affirmative.

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Brown, Clendenin, Crane, Erwin, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of S. Johnson, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Palmer, Posey, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of O. and Worth—25.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Claypool, Conner, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Jackson of D. Langton, M'Crary, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Richardson, Wallace of D. and M., and Stevens, speaker—20.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing justices of the peace to issue writs of *ne exeat*, was read a second time—Whereupon,

Mr. Tadlock moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said bill. And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, the same was determined in the negative:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Farrington, Graham, Hiatt, Hillis, Jackson, of S., Langton, M'Crary, Pepper, Ritchey, Tadlock, Worth and Stevens, speaker—16.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Harris, Hendricks, Hillis, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D. Johnson, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Palmer, Posey, Richardson, Robb, Robertson, Walker, Wallace of D. and M. and Wallace of O.—27.

And on motion of Mr. Claypool,

Said bill was committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The bill for the relief of Benjamin Walker, and the joint resolution diapproving of the resolution of the state of Georgia, of the 7th Dec. last, on the subject of the abolition of slavery; were read a second time and

ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act attaching a part of the county of Delaware to the county of Marion; was read the third time and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act authorizing the administrators of the estate of John H. Piatt, deceased, to sell all the real estate of the deceased, in the state of Indiana. And the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act legalizing the proceedings of the commissioners in re-locating certain state roads; were read a third time and passed:

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Owen, Sullivan, Vigo and Putnam; was read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "an act," and that the Senate be informed thereof and their concurrence requested.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for assessing and collecting the revenue; the report on the state of the finances; the bill making specific appropriations for the year 1825; and the bill making general appropriations for the year 1825: After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Maxwell reported: That the committee of the whole had adopted the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the report of the committee of ways and means, on the state of the treasury department, and the state of the finances, be and the same is hereby concurred in; which resolution being read was concurred in by the House: And, as to the bill for assessing and collecting the revenue, the bills making general and specific appropriations for the year 1825; reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which leave was given.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bills, of the following titles—

An act for the relief of the securities of William H. Moore, late collector of Clark county. An act attaching a part of the county of Warrick to the county of Spencer. And an act making an appropriation to open a road from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne; and find the same truly enrolled—Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, That the clerk carry the said bills to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Hillis, further reported: That they did on this day, present to the Governor, for his approval and signature—

An act to establish a state library. An act to amend an act, entitled an act relating to county seminaries. An act authorizing the printing and distributing the acts, joint resolutions and journals of the present General Assembly. And a joint resolution relative to the regiment composed of the counties of Randolph and Allen.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act authorizing the docketing with the clerks of the circuit courts, transcripts of judgments obtained before justices of the peace in certain cases. An act appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Lawrence county. An act to repeal the fifth section of an act, declaring certain streams therein named public highways. And, an act respecting state roads; and find the same truly enrolled—Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, That the clerk carry said bills to the Senate for the signature of their President.

And then the House adjourned.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act for assessing and collecting the revenue. And the bills making specific and general appropriations for the year 1825: And af-



ter some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Maxwell reported said bills with several amendments; which were severally read and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Beckes moved to amend the revenue bill, so as to make it the duty of the sheriffs in each of the counties alone, to collect the state and county revenue: And the ayes and noes being demanded thereon by two members, the same was decided in the negative—

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS: Beckes, Clendenin, Crane, Langton, Posey, Ritchey, Robertson, Wallace of D. and M., and Wallace of O.—9.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Conner, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Luttre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Robb, Tadlock, Walker, Worth and Stevens, sp'r—36.

Mr. Robb moved, further to amend the revenue bill, by adding, after the words town lots, in the fifteenth section, "*and the improvements thereon;*" which was not adopted.

*Ordered,* That said bills be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 10, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have adopted the following resolution—

*Resolved.* that in conformity with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 29th ultimo, the Senate will adjourn on the 12th inst. and that the House of Representatives be informed of the passage of this resolution. And he then withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed engrossed bills of the following titles, from the House of Representatives, without amendment—An act to establish a state road from Harmony, in the county of Posey, to the Polke Patch in the county of Warrick. An act to establish a state road from Terre-Haute to the western boundary of this state in the direction of Vandalia, in Illinois. And, an act legalizing the proceedings of the board of commissioners of Vermillion county, for the year 1824. They have refused to concur in the amendment made by this House to the bill from the Senate, entitled “An act to amend an act to regulate the judicial circuits and fixing the times of holding courts therein. They have passed an act, entitled an act supplemental to the act defining the duties of recorders and pointing out the mode of conveying real estate. They have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled “An act to incorporate the town of Charlestown, in the county of Clark, with amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And they have passed a joint resolution relative to the Fall creek mills, in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

And, on motion,

The House insist on all their amendments to the bill from the Senate, regulating the judicial circuits, &c. And have appointed Messrs. Nelson and Beckes, a committee of free conference, to act with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to take into consideration the subject matter of difference between the two Houses relative to the amendments to said bill.

*Ordered*, that the clerk inform the Senate, and ask a similar committee on their part.

The bill defining the duties of recorders, and pointing out the mode of conveying real estate; was read the first time—rule having been dispensed with, was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading to-morrow. And,

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

The House disagreed to the first and second amendments made by the Senate to the bill from this House to incorporate the town of Charlestown, and agree to the third amendment made thereto, by the Senate.

*Ordered*, that the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The joint resolution relative to the Fall creek mills, was read the first time—rule having been dispensed with, was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed engrossed bills of the following titles, from this House, without amendment, to wit: An act supplementary to the act concerning the secretary of state. An act to amend the act for the settlement of decedents' estates, and for other purposes. And, an act for the benefit of John Smock. And then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Graham, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "An act to dissolve the banns of matrimony between Thomas Hight, and Celia his wife;" in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said bill was read the first time—And,

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

The same was rejected.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee of ways and means, reported a bill concerning the revenue; which was read

the first time, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson from the committee on canals and internal improvements, made the following report:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee on canals and internal improvements, to whom was referred, the petition of William Hulbert and others, relative to the navigation of the Wabash, have had the same under consideration, and consider it inexpedient to act thereon.

Which report being read, was concurred in by the House.

The committee of ways and means having no further business before them, were discharged.

The committee on canals and internal improvements having no further business before them were also discharged.

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act to repeal a part of the act authorizing the laying off certain state roads in this state, and appropriating \$100,000, of the fund commonly called the three per cent. fund, for opening the same, was read a second time—

Whereupon,

Mr. Hillis, moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill indefinitely; which was determined in the negative—And,

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

Was committed to the same committee of the whole House to whom was committed a bill, which originated in this House of the same title.

The bill to attach a part of the county of Ripley to the county of Decatur; was read a second time—And

On motion of Mr. Ritchey,

The further consideration thereof, was indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled an act for opening and repairing public roads and highways; was read a third time. And, on the question, shall said bill pass? It passed in the affirmative:

The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hurst, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Johnson, Langton, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Posey, Robb, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O. and Worth—33.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Jackson of S., Lomax, Palmer, Richardson, Ritchey, Robertson, Tadlock and Stevens, sp'r.—12.

*Ordered,* That the same be entitled an "Act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The engrossed bill allowing compensation to Richard Palmer, and of the commissioners appointed to locate the seat of justice of Parke county. The engrossed bill for the relief of Benjamin Walker. The engrossed bills making general and specific appropriations for the year 1825. The engrossed bill giving further powers to the agent for the state at the town of Indianapolis and for other purposes; were severally read a third time and passed.

*Ordered,* That the same be entitled "Acts," and the clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Milroy, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the Senate will meet the House of Representatives in the Representative Hall, this day at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing an Attorney General, agreeably to the provisions of the act establishing that office—approved, Dec. 31, 1821. That the House of Representatives be informed of the passage of this resolution, and a similar one on their part requested. And he then withdrew.

Mr. Hurst, offered the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, That they will, at 3 o'clock P. M. on this day, proceed to elect an Attorney General, for this state: That the Senate be informed thereof, and that seats are prepared for them on the right of the Speaker's chair. On the question, shall said resolution be adopted? The same was determined in the negative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:*

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Hurst, Pepper, and Posey—3.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Langton, Lomax, Mann, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Palmer, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r.—41.

The joint resolution, disapproving of the resolution of the state of Georgia, of the 7th Dec. last, on the subject of the abolition of slavery; was read the third time. And on the question, shall said joint resolution pass? It was determined in the affirmative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, Jackson, of D., Langton, Lomax, Mann, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Palmer, Pepper, Posey, Robertson, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—33.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Clendenin, Hurst, Irwin, Johnson, Noble, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb and Walker—10.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That a committee of free conference be appointed on the part of the Senate, to act with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to take into consideration the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, relative to the amendments made by the House of Representatives, to the bill from the Senate, to amend the act authorizing judicial circuits, and fixing the times of holding courts therein. And, that they have appointed Messrs. Thompson and Graham, a committee on their part. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Beckes, moved to discharge the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed the bill to amend the act providing for opening a canal at the falls of the Ohio river, from the further consideration of the same; which motion was negatived—And,

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill: After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. M'Intyre reported said bill with several amendments; which were read at the clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Robb moved further to amend said bill by striking out that part of the fourth section of said bill, which pledges the faith of the state, that stock in said canal shall not be taxed. And, on the question, shall the said bill be so amended? The same was decided in the negative: The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Jackson of D., Johnson, Langton, Mann, M'Crary and Robb—9.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of S., Lomax, Maxwell, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Po-

sey, Ritchey, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—36

So said bill was not so amended.

Mr. Beckes, then moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill, until the first Monday in December next. And on the question, shall said bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next? The same was decided in the negative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Hendricks, Hillis, Jackson of D., Johnson, Langton, Mann, M'Crary, M'Mahan, Palmer, Pepper, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Walker and Wallace of D. and M.—20.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hiatt, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of S., Lomax, Maxwell, M'Intyre, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Posey, Tadlock, Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—25.

*Ordered,* That said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

And then the House adjourned.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion,

The committee of the whole House to whom was committed the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act to change the venue in a certain case; were discharged from the further consideration of the same—

And, on motion of Mr. Graham,

The further consideration thereof, was indefinitely postponed.

The following message was received from the Governor by Mr. Ray, his private secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

I am instructed by the Governor, to inform the House



of Representatives, that he did, on this day approve and sign—

An act authorizing the printing and distributing the acts, joint resolutions, and journals of the present General Assembly.

An act to amend an act, concerning the seminary lands in Gibson and Monroe counties, and for other purposes.

An act authorizing the docketing with the clerks of the circuit courts, transcripts of judgments obtained before justices of the peace in certain cases.

A joint resolution relative to the regiment composed of the counties of Allen and Randolph.

An act to repeal the fifth section of an act declaring certain streams therein named, public highways.

An act to amend an act, entitled “an act relating to county seminaries”—approved, Jan. 31, 1824; which originated in this House.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bills, entitled—

An act supplemental to an act, entitled an act declaring Blue River a public highway, and for other purposes; and find the same truly enrolled—

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, That the clerk carry the same to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Hillis, further reported: That they did, on this day, present to the Governor, for his approval and signature—

An act making an appropriation to open a road from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne. An act authorizing the docketing with the clerks of the circuit courts, transcripts of judgments obtained before justices of the peace in certain cases. An act to repeal the fifth section of an act declaring certain streams therein named, public highways. An act for the relief of the securities of William H. Moore, late collector for the county of Clark. An act attaching a part of the county of Warrick to the county of Spencer. An act to amend an act,

concerning the seminary lands in Gibson and Monroe counties, and for other purposes. And, a joint resolution relative to certain mail routes.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill supplemental to the act, entitled an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution: After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Claypool reported said bill with several amendments; which were read at the clerk's table and concurred in separately.

Mr Nelson, then moved further to amend said bill, by adding the following, as five additional sections thereto:

SEC. That whenever any lands or tenements shall be sold after the taking effect of this act, by virtue of any execution already issued, or which may hereafter issue, it shall be the duty of the sheriff or other officer, instead of executing a deed for the premises sold, to give to the purchaser or purchasers of such lands or tenements, a certificate in writing, describing the lands or tenements purchased, and the sum paid therefor, and the time when the purchaser will be entitled to a deed for such lands or tenements, unless the same shall be redeemed, as is provided in and by this act.

And such sheriff or other officer shall within ten days from the time of such sale, file in the office of the clerk of the county wherein the lands or tenements may lie, a duplicate of such certificate, signed by him, and such duplicate certificate, or a certified copy thereof shall be taken and deemed evidence of the facts therein contained.

SEC. That it shall and may be lawful for any defendant, his heirs, executors, administrators or grantees, whose lands or tenements shall be sold as aforesaid by virtue of any execution, within sixty days from and after such sale, to redeem such lands or tenements, by paying to the purchaser thereof, his executors, administrators or assignees, or to the sheriff or other officer who sold the same, for the benefit of such purchaser, the sum of money which may have been paid on the purchase thereof, together with the interest thereon,

at the rate of ten per centum per annum, from the time of such sale; and on such payment being made as aforesaid, the said sale and the certificate thereupon granted shall be null and void

SEC. That it shall also be as lawful, for any creditor of any defendant, whose lands or tenements shall have been sold under any execution as aforesaid who shall have a decree in chancery or a judgment at law against such defendant, which shall be a lien on the real estate of such defendant, and for the executors or administrators of any creditor having such decree or judgment within ninety days after such sale on the default of the defendant or defendants, to redeem the lands or tenements which shall have been sold, in the manner prescribed in the second section of this act; but that the defendant shall, in all cases, be entitled to redeem such lands or tenements in preference to any creditor; and whenever any creditor shall redeem such lands or tenements as aforesaid, he shall be entitled to and acquire all the rights of the original purchaser thereof; and any other creditor having such decree or judgment aforesaid, and the executor or administrator of any such creditor, may, in like manner, redeem the lands or tenements so sold, within ninety days from the sale thereof, and may become entitled to all the rights and privileges acquired by any other creditor by reimbursing to him, his executors, administrators or assigns, the sum which may have been paid by such creditor, together with interest thereon, from the time of such payment, at the rate of ten per centum per annum, and by also satisfying any prior judgment or decree, which such creditor may have against such defendant: and in like manner any other creditor having such decree or judgment aforesaid, and the executor or administrator of any such creditor may within the time aforesaid, redeem such lands or tenements, from such first, second, third or any other creditor, and upon such redemption being made in manner aforesaid, the title of the original purchaser shall be vested in such creditor or his executors or administrators.

SEC. That if such lands or tenements so sold, shall

not be redeemed as aforesaid, either by the defendant, or by such creditor as aforesaid within ninety days, from the time of such sale, it shall be the duty of the sheriff or other officer who shall have sold the same, or his executors or administrators to complete such sale by executing a deed of the premises so sold to the said purchaser; and if any creditor shall redeem such lands or tenements as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the sheriff or other officer on the expiration of ninety days from the time of such sale, to execute a deed of the premises so sold to such creditor, as the assignee of the original purchaser, and such deed shall be as valid and effectual in law, as if such creditor had been the original purchaser.

SEC. That if at any time after the sale of the premises as aforesaid, and before the expiration of the time allowed for redeeming the same, the debtor or any person in possession of the premises thus sold, shall do any acts of waste thereon, it shall be lawful for any circuit court or the president, or two associate judges in vacation, on application of the purchaser or his authorized agent for that purpose, and on satisfactory proof being made, of waste having been committed by such debtor or occupant, to grant an order against such wrong doer to stay any further waste under such penalties as such circuit court president, or judges shall impose conformable to the powers and regulations incident to a court of chancery in all other cases.

SEC. This act to be in force from and after its passage.

And on the question, shall said bill be so amended? The same was determined in the negative. The ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Nelson and Brown:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Crane, Graham, Gard, Hillis, Hurst, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Maxwell, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Ritchey and Tadlock—18.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Erwin, Farrington, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Johnson, Lomax, Mann, McCrary, Noble, Oliver, Posey, Robb, Robertson, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Worth and Stevens, sp'r  
—26.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to incorporate medical societies, for the purpose of regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this state: After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Robb reported said bill with several amendments; which were read at the clerk's table and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered,* That said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

The committee of the whole to whom was committed the bill to encourage the killing of wolves, and the petition on the subject of improving the breed of sheep; were discharged from the further consideration thereof  
—And,

On motion of Mr. Tadlock,

The further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, made the following report:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The joint committee for enrolled bills, have examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:—

An act for the benefit of Charles Crabb. An act legalizing the proceedings of the commissioners in re-locating certain state roads. An act authorizing the administrators of John H. Piatt, to sell all the real estate of the deceased, in the state of Indiana. An act legalizing the proceedings of the board of commissioners of Vermillion county, for the year eighteen hundred and twenty-four. An act to establish a state road from Terre-Haute to the western boundary of the state of Indiana, in the direction to Vandalia, in the state of Illinois.

An act to establish a state road from Harmony in Posey county, to the Polke Patch in Warick county. An act for the relief of John Smock. An act supplementary to an act, entitled an act concerning the secretary of state. And an act to amend the act, entitled an act providing for the settlement of decedents' estates, and for other purposes; and find the same truly enrolled—

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, That the clerk carry the same to the Senate, for the signature of their President.

On motion,

The committee of the whole to whom were committed the bill supplementary to an act, entitled an act authorizing a state road from Petersburg to Washington; were discharged from the further consideration thereof—And,

On motion of Mr. Robb,

The further consideration thereof, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion,

The committee of the whole House to whom was committed the bill providing for the survey and location of the route for a canal to connect the navigation of the Wabash river and the Miami of Lake Erie; were discharged from the further consideration thereof—And,

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

The further consideration of said bill was postponed until the first Monday in December next.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*,

The Senate insist on their first and second amendments made by them to the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Charlestown, in the county of Clark, and have appointed Messrs. Thompson and Stapp, a committee of free conference on their part, to act with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to take into consideration the

subject matter of difference between the two Houses, relative to said bill. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

*Resolved*, That this House concur in the appointment of a committee of free conference to take into consideration the subject matter of disagreement between the two Houses, relative to the first and second amendments proposed by the Senate, to the engrossed bill from this House, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Charlestown, in the county of Clark—

Whereupon,

Messrs. Armstrong and Nelson were appointed said committee on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*,

The Senate have been officially informed that the Governor did, on the 9th inst., approve and sign—

An act appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Lawrence county.

And, on this day, he did approve and sign—

An act making an appropriation to open a road from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne.

An act attaching a part of the county of Warrick to the county of Spencer.

An act for the relief of the securities of William H. Moore, late collector of Clark county; all which originated in the Senate.

And that the Senate have passed engrossed bills of the following titles. to wit:

An act allowing compensation to the commissioners heretofore appointed to locate a state road from Terre-Haute to Fort Wayne. An act for the relief of John D. Stevenson, clerk of Hamilton county, and for other purposes. And, an act appointing commissioners to locate the seat of justice of Madison county; in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Said last mentioned bills were severally read the first

time—the rule having been dispensed with, were read the second and third times and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to provide for the better improvement of the state road from Rushville to Indianapolis: After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Palmer reported said bill with two amendments; which being read were concurred in by the House.

Said bill was considered as engrossed, and read the third time: And on the question, shall said bill pass? The same was carried in the affirmative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Clendenin, Conner, Farrington, Gard, Hendricks, Hillis, Hurst, Huston, Jackson of D., Johnson, Langton, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crory, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Robb, Walker, Wallace of O. and Stevens, sp'r—24.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Brown, Claypool, Graham, Hiatt, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson of S., Lomax, Posey, Richardson, Ritchey, Robertson, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M. and Worth—17.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Posey,

The House adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

*7 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

The committee of the whole House to whom were committed the following bills, to wit: A bill to amend the act, entitled An act for the incorporation of towns. An act establishing certain state roads therein named. A bill to amend an act, entitled an act authorizing the laying off certain state roads in this state, and appropriating one hundred thousand dollars of the fund com-



monly called the three per cent fund, for opening said roads. A bill to authorize the re-location of certain state roads. A bill supplemental to an act, repealing in part, an act declaring certain streams therein named, public highways. And, a bill relative to fugitives from labour; were discharged from the further consideration of the same.

And on motion,

The further consideration of said bills was postponed until the first Monday in December next.

On motion,

The committee of the whole to whom was committed, the bill from the Senate, authorizing justices of the peace to issue writs of *ne exeat*; were discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Said bill was then read the third time—And, on the question, shall said bill pass? It was determined in the affirmative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Erwin, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Johnson, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, W'Intyre, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Posey, Robt, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M. Wallace of O. and Worth—29.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Beckes, Conner, Crane, Farrington, Graham, Hurst, Jackson of S., M'Mahan, Nelson, Ritchey and Stevens, speaker—13.

Mr. Claypool moved to re-consider the vote postponing until the first Monday in December next, the bill from the Senate establishing certain state roads therein named; which was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The committee of the whole House, to whom were committed the bill to amend the act relative to county boundaries; were discharged from the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered,* That said bill be engrossed and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

The committee of the whole House, to whom were committed, the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act, to amend the act authorizing the laying off certain state roads in this state, and appropriating one hundred thousand dollars of the fund commonly called the three per cent fund, for opening said roads; were discharged from the further consideration thereof.

And, on the question, shall said bill be read the third time? The same was determined in the negative. So said bill did not pass.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to an act defining the duties of recorders, and pointing out the mode of conveying real estate," approved, Jan. 21, 1818. And, the joint resolution from the Senate, relative to the Fall creek mills; were read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, that the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill to amend the act providing for opening a canal at the falls of Ohio in this state, was read the third time—Whereupon,

Mr. Robb moved to lay said bill on the table, which was negatived.

And on the question, shall said bill pass? The same was decided in the negative. The ayes and noes being demanded thereon by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hurst, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of S., Lomax, Maxwell, M'Intyre, Nelson, Posey, Tadlock, Wallace of D., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—20.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Farrington, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Jackson of D., Johnson, Langton, Mann, M'Crary, M'Mahan, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Walker, and Wallace of D. and M.—26.

So said bill was lost.

The engrossed bill to amend an act for assessing and collecting the revenue, was read the third time—

And on the question, shall said bill pass? The same was carried in the affirmative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Crane, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hillis, Hurst, Huston, Jackson of D., Johnson, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Mahan, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Posey, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb, Walker, Wallace of D. and M. Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—33.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Brown, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson of S., Langton, Lomax, M'Intyre, Nelson, Robertson, and Tadlock—13.

Mr. Wallace of D. and M., moved to re-consider the vote postponing until the first Monday in December next, the bill to authorize the re-location of part of a certain state road therein named; which was negatived.

The engrossed bill to amend the act relative to county boundaries, was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, that the same be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 11, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have receded from their amendments to the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled an act to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund, to pay over certain monies therein named.

They have passed an engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled an act incorporating congressional townships, and providing for public schools therein, with amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And they have passed an engrossed bill, entitled an act supplementary to an act establishing a county seminary in the county of Knox, in which they also ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

The House concurred in all the amendments made by the Senate, to the engrossed bill from this House, entitled an act incorporating congressional townships, and providing for public schools therein.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The bill reported from the Senate, supplemental to the act establishing a county seminary in the county of Knox; was read the first time—the rule having been dispensed with, was read the second and third times and passed.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The bill concerning the revenue; was read the second time—

Whereupon,

Mr. Hurst, moved to postpone the further consideration of said bill until the first Monday in December next: And on the question shall said bill be so postponed? The same was carried in the affirmative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Erwin, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of S., Langton, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Intyre, Noble, Palmer, Posey, Ritchey, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M. and Stevens, sp'r.—31.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Crane, Jackson of D. Johnson, M'Mahan, M'Crary, Oliver, Pepper, Richardson, Robb, Wallace of O. and Worth.—12.

(The above bill provided for a prospective system of *ad valorem* taxation.)

The engrossed bill to incorporate medical societies, for the purpose of regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this state, was read the third time: And on the question, shall said bill pass? The same was carried in the affirmative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Beckes, Brown, Claypool, Conner, Crane, Farrington, Gard, Harris, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hoover, Huston, Jackson of D., Jackson of S., Johnson, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, Nelson. Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Pepper, Richardson, Robb, Robertson, Wallace of D. and M., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—30.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Clendenin, Graham, Irwin, Langton, Lomax, Mann, M'Mahan, Posey, Ritchey, Tadlock, Walker and Wallace of O.—12.

So said bill passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they did on this day, present to the Governor, for his approval and signature—

An act locating a state road from Harmony in Posey county, to the Polke Patch in Warrick county. An act supplemental to an act, entitled an act declaring Blue river, a public highway, and for other purposes. An act to amend an act, providing for the settlement of decedents' estates, and for other purposes. An act to establish a state road from Terre-Haute to the western boundary of the state of Indiana, in the direction of Vandalia in the state of Illinois. An act supplemental to an act, entitled an act concerning the secretary of state. An act legalizing the proceedings of the commissioners in re-locating certain state roads. An act for the benefit of Charles Crabb. An act authorizing the administrators of John H. Piatt, to sell all the real estate of the deceased, in the state of Indiana. An act

legalizing the proceedings of the board of commissioners of Vermillion county, for the year 1824. And, an act for the relief of John Smock.

The engrossed bill from the Senate attaching a part of the county of Delaware to the county of Marion; was taken up and passed with one amendment.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate, and ask their concurrence in said amendment.

On motion of Mr. Farrington,

Leave is given to withdraw the petition and accompanying documents of Messrs. Coleman and Collett.

The engrossed bill supplementary to the act, entitled an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution; was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the same be entitled "An act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The following message was received from the Governor, by Mr. Ray, his private secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

I am instructed by the Governor, to inform the House of Representatives, that he did on this day, approve and sign—

An act legalizing the proceedings of the board of commissioners of Vermillion county, for the year eighteen hundred and twenty four.

An act for the relief of John Smock.

An act supplementary to an act, entitled an act concerning the secretary of state.

An act to establish a state road from Terre-Haute, to the western boundary of the state of Indiana, in the direction to Vandalia, in the state of Illinois.

An act to amend the act, entitled an act providing for the settlement of decedents' estates.

An act respecting state roads.

An act to establish a state road from Harmony, in Posey county, to the Polke Patch in Warrick county.

And, an act to establish a state library; which originated in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Armstrong, submitted the following report, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee of free conference, appointed to take into consideration the matters of difference between the two Houses, on the subject of the first and second amendments made by the Senate, to the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, to incorporate the town of Charlestown in Clark county; have taken into consideration the matters of difference, and have agreed to insert the name of John Carr, in place of that of Andrew P. Hay, and that the Senate will recede from the amendment of striking out the name of James C. Caldwell, and inserting that of James Garner. As to the second amendment to said bill, they have agreed to insert "two third" per centum, in lieu of one per centum, stricken out by the Senate; which report being read was concurred in by the House.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they have compared the enrolled, with the engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to re-locate the seat of Justice of Posey county, and for other purposes. An act to authorize called sessions of the circuit courts. And an act appointing commissioners to locate the seat of justice of Madison county; and find the same truly enrolled—

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered,* That the clerk carry the same to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Gray, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled an act to amend the act "to license and regulate taverns"—approved Jan. 24, 1824, with amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he then withdrew.

Said amendments being read, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the clerk inform the Senate thereof. Mr. Nelson, submitted the following report to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The joint committee of free conference on the engross-

ed bill, entitled an act to amend an act, to regulate the judicial circuits, and fixing the times of holding courts, have agreed to amend said bill by striking out the second section, and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

SEC. 2. That the circuit courts in the second circuit, shall be held on the days and times following, to wit: In the county of Scott, on the first Monday of March and third Monday in July. In the county of Jefferson, on the second Monday in March and fourth Monday in July. In the county of Jennings, on the fourth Monday in March and second Monday in August. In the county of Jackson, on the first Monday in April and third Monday in August. In the county of Lawrence, on the second Monday in April and fourth Monday in August. In the county of Washington, on the third Monday in April and first Monday in September. In the county of Harrison, on the third Mondays of May and September. In the county of Floyd, on the fifth Monday in May and first Monday in October. In the county of Clark, on the first Monday in June and second Monday in October. And said courts may sit so long, severally, as their business may require, provided their sessions do not interfere with the court in the next succeeding county, in said circuit.

They have further agreed that this House shall recede from their amendments to the eighth and ninth sections of said bill. (Which amendments were, by striking out said sections, which gave to grand and petit jurors, fifty cents per day:) And on the question, will the House concur in the report of said committee? The same was carried in the affirmative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Bassett, Claypool, Clendenin, Conner, Erwin, Graham, Gard, Hendricks, Hiatt, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of D., Johnson, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Nelson, Pepper, Robb, Walker, Wallace of O. and Worth—25.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Beckes, Brown, Crane, Hillis, Hoover,



Jackson of S., Langton, M'Crary, Noble Oliver, Palmer, Posey, Ritchey, Robertson, Tadlock, Wallace of D. and M. and Stevens, sp'r—18.

So the House receded from their amendments to said bill by striking out said sections.

And then the House adjourned.

*2 o'clock, P. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed the following engrossed bill, which originated in this House, entitled an act making general appropriations for the year 1825, without amendment. And he then withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have received official information that the Governor has, on this day, approved and signed the following bills, entitled acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit:

An act for the benefit of Charles Crabb.

An act authorizing the administrators of John H. Piatt, to sell all the real estate of the deceased, in the state of Indiana.

An act legalizing the proceedings of the commissioners in relocating certain state roads.

An act supplemental to an act, entitled an act declaring Blue river a public highway, and for other purposes.

The Senate concur in the report of the joint committee of free conference on the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Charlestown.

They also concur in the report of the joint committee of free conference on the bill establishing judicial circuits and fixing the times of holding courts.

They have passed bills originating in the House of Representatives, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Owen, Sullivan, Vigo and Putnam, with an amendment. And, an act to amend the act relative to county boundaries, without amendment. Also, an act to authorize the re-location of a certain state road therein named. An act allowing a compensation to Richard Palmer, one of the commissioners appointed to locate the seat of justice of Parke county. And the following joint resolution to wit:

A joint resolution relative to George Smith. And a joint resolution relative to certain claims of the state, against the late collectors of the counties of Wayne and Fayette. And they have passed a bill, entitled an act to amend the act concerning clerks; in which joint resolution and bill, they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

The House agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the bill from this House, entitled an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Owen, Sullivan, Vigo and Putnam.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

The joint resolution relative to George Smith, was read the first time—And,

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, the same was rejected.

The bill from the Senate to amend the act concerning clerks, was read the first time—rule having been dispensed with, was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The joint resolution from the Senate relative to the late collectors of Wayne and Fayette counties, was read the first time—rule having been dispensed with, was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the last mentioned bill and joint resolution: And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Walker reported said bill and joint resolution, with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

*Ordered*, that said amendments be engrossed and with said bill, read a third time to day.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled an act making specific appropriations for the year 1825; with several amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The first, second, third, and fourth amendments made by the Senate to the last named bill, were read and disagreed to; the other amendments were concurred in by the House.

The third amendment made by the Senate to said bill was by allowing an additional compensation of seventy five dollars per annum, to the agent for the state at the town of Indianapolis. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members, on concurring in said amendment:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Beckes, Conner, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Hendricks, Jackson of D., Langton, Nelson, Noble, Pepper, Richardson, and Wallace of D, and M.—14.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Crane, Erwin, Harris, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Irwin, Johnson, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Mahan, Palmer, Posey, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Worth and Stevens, speaker—28.

So said amendment was disagreed to.

The bill from the Senate, entitled an act to amend the act concerning clerks, was read the third time, and passed as amended.

*Ordered*, that the clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence.

The joint resolution from the Senate relative to certain monies due the state from the late collectors of the

counties of Wayne and Fayette, was read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, that the clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence in said amendments.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: that they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill, entitled An act to authorize the re-location of a certain state road therein named, and find the same truly enrolled. Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, that the clerk carry the same to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Nelson submitted the following report, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Ewing, attorney in fact of Lawrence Bazedon, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the recommendation of this General Assembly cannot strengthen the claim of the petitioner on the just consideration of Congress; they therefore deem it inexpedient to adopt any measures relating thereto, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Which report being read was concurred in by the House, and said committee were discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Nelson, also submitted the following report, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The select committee to whom was referred the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled An act defining the boundary line between the counties of Washington and Clark, have had the same under consideration, and report that the provisions of the bill do not appear to settle definitely the boundary aforesaid, and that they have not been able to procure such a map of the county, as will enable them by amending said bill, definitely to settle said boundary during the present General Assembly; and ask that the further consideration of said bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

Which being read was concurred in by the House—  
And,

On motion of Mr. Hurst,

The House adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

7 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Nelson, having obtained leave, presented a bill to fix the annual sessions of the General Assembly, and for other purposes; which was read the first time—the rule having been dispensed with, was read the second time, and passed to a third reading to morrow.

Mr. Oliver moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday, rejecting on its first reading, the bill from the Senate, entitled An act dissolving the banns of matrimony between Thomas Hight and Celia his wife; which was carried in the affirmative.

The question was then stated from the chair, "Shall the said bill be rejected?"

And on the question being taken, it was determined in the negative.

And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members present, were as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Brown, Clendenin, Erwin, Farrington, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Huston, Jackson of D., Langton, Lomax, Mann, M'Intyre, Palmer, Robertson, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—19.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Claypool, Conner, Crane, Graham, Hoover, Hurst, Jackson of S., Johnson, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Mahan, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Richardson, Ritchey, Robb, Tadlock and Walker—21.

The said bill was read the second time—

Whereupon,

Mr. Robertson, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration thereof, which was decided in the

affirmative. The ayes and noes being demanded by two members present, were as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Brown, Clendenin, Erwin, Farrington, Hendricks, Hiatt, Hillis, Huston, Jackson of D., Langton, Lomax, Mann, M'Intyre, Palmer, Posey, Robertson, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—21.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Beckes, Claypool, Graham, Hoover, Hurst, Jackson of S., Maxwell. M'Crary, M'Mahan, Noble, Oliver, Pepper, Richardson, Robb, Tadlock and Walker—17.

And so the said bill was indefinitely postponed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate insist on the first amendment and on the first and last items mentioned in the third amendment made by them to the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, making specific appropriations for the year 1825, and they recede from the fourth amendment to said bill. They also concur in all the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled an act concerning clerks; and in the amendment made by them to the joint resolution from the Senate, entitled a joint resolution of the General Assembly. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Maxwell then moved, that this House recede from their disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate, to the bill making specific appropriations for the year 1825: And, on the question being taken, it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Conner then moved, that this House recede from their disagreement to the first item mentioned in the third amendment made by the Senate to said bill; which first item was allowing to the agent of the state, for the town of Indianapolis, the sum of seventy five dollars, in addition to the annual salary of \$100, now allowed

him by law. Which motion was determined in the negative. And the ayes and noes being demanded by two members, were as follows, to wit:

*Those who voted in the affirmative are,*

MESSRS. Bassett, Beckes, Conner, Farrington, Graham, Gard, Hendricks, Jackson of D., Langton. Nelson, Noble, Oliver, Pepper and Richardson—14.

*And those who voted in the negative are,*

MESSRS. Armstrong, Brown, Claypool, Clendenin, Crane, Erwin, Hiatt, Hillis, Hoover, Hurst, Huston, Irwin, Jackson of S., Johnson, Lomax, Mann, Maxwell, M'Crary, M'Intyre, M'Mahan, Palmer, Posey, Ritchey, Robb, Robertson, Tadlock, Walker, Wallace of D. and M., Wallace of O., Worth and Stevens, sp'r—31.

Mr. Maxwell moved, that this House adhere to their disagreement to the said amendment, respecting the said sum of seventy-five dollars, to said agent: And on the question being taken, it passed in the affirmative

*Ordered,* That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Tadlock then moved, that this House adhere to their disagreement to the last item mentioned in the third amendment made by the Senate to the said bill; which was allowing to John Aydelott, the sum of fifty dollars for stationary and other articles furnished the last General Assembly, and said not to have been paid for. And on the question being stated, shall the House so adhere? It passed in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed the bill from this House, entitled an act to amend the act. for assessing and collecting the revenue, with several amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of this House. They have passed the engrossed bill from this House, entitled an act supplemental to the act subjecting real and personal estate to execution, and for other purposes, without amendment. And they adhere to the first and last items mentioned in the amendment proposed by them to the

engrossed bill from this House, making special appropriations for the year 1825. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were then read, and the first, second, third and fourth concurred in; and the fifth and sixth being amended, were concurred in as amended, by the House.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence in the said amendments, to the amendments.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 12, 1825.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Graham moved that this House re-consider the vote of yesterday, adhering to their disagreement to the last item mentioned in the third amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill from this House, making specific appropriations for the year 1825; which was allowing to John Aydelott, the sum of fifty dollars, for articles furnished the last General Assembly, and which have not been paid for. Which motion was carried in the affirmative.

The motion to adhere having been withdrawn by the original mover, Mr. Tadlock—

Mr. Beckes moved to amend the said item, by striking out the sum of fifty dollars, and inserting in lieu thereof, the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty cents; which motion was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Hurst then moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday, adhering to the disagreement of this House to the last item mentioned in the said third amendment of the Senate to said bill; which item was allowing to the Agent of the state for the town of Indianapolis the sum of seventy five dollars, in addition to the annual salary of said Agent; which motion, after some debate thereon, being withdrawn by the mover,

Mr. Tadlock renewed said motion—And on the



question being put—Shall the House reconsider said vote? It passed in the negative.

*Ordered*, that the Senate be informed thereof and their concurrence requested to the amendment and the said last mentioned item.

Mr. Posey offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, that the thanks of this House be presented to the Hon. Stephen C. Stevens, for the assiduity, promptitude and ability, with which he has administered the arduous duties of the chair, during the present session of the General Assembly.

Which being read, was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Pepper from the joint committee for enrolled bills, made the following report:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The joint committee for enrolled bills have examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund, to pay over certain monies therein named. An act to amend an act, entitled an act "incorporating congressional townships, and providing for public schools therein"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824. An act to amend the act, entitled "an act to regulate and license taverns"—approved, Jan. 24, 1824. An act allowing a compensation to Richard Palmer, one of the commissioners appointed to locate the seat of justice of Parke county. An act to amend the act "relative to county boundaries"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824. An act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Owen, Sullivan, Vigo and Putnam. An act making general appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five. An act to incorporate the town of Charlestown, in Clark county; and find the same truly enrolled—

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, That the clerk carry the same to the Senate, for the signature of their President.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have appointed Messrs. Graham and Pennington, a committee of free conference on their part, on the subject matters of difference between the two Houses, on the engrossed bill making specific appropriations for the year 1825; and request a similar committee on the part of the House of Representatives. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Nelson then moved, that a committee of free conference be appointed on the part of this House, in pursuance of the above resolution of the Senate, for the appointment of a joint committee of free conference.— Which motion being pronounced out of order by the chair.

Mr. Nelson, together with two other members, appealed to the House—

Whereupon,

The question being put, is the decision of the chair correct? It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Bassett, offered the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved.* That this House will adjourn sine die, whenever the business now before them will admit, any resolution to the contrary, notwithstanding. That the Senate be informed thereof, and the adoption of a similar resolution on their part requested: And on the question being put, shall said resolution be adopted? It was determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate disagree to the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the fifth and sixth amendments made by the Senate, to the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled an act to amend an act for assessing and collecting the revenue. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Hendricks, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of James T. Brown and others, praying for certain relief therein named, made a report: That the said committee had, according to order, had the same under their consideration, and have agreed

to report, that any further legislation on the said subject is inexpedient.

On motion,

The House concurred in said report.

And, on a further motion,

Leave is granted him to withdraw the petition aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,

The bill to repeal the first section of the act, entitled "an act establishing certain state roads, therein named"—approved, Jan. 14, 1824, heretofore laid on the table; was taken up—And,

On the further motion of Mr. Palmer,

The same was indefinitely postponed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled an act for opening roads and public highways, without amendment.

They concur in the resolution of this House, for the appointment of a committee of free conference on the subject of the disagreeing votes between the two Houses, relative to the amendments made by the House of Representatives, to the fifth and sixth amendments made by the Senate, to the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, for assessing and collecting the revenue.

The bill to fix the annual sessions of the General Assembly, was taken up and indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Leave is granted him to withdraw the petition of John Ewing, agent and attorney in fact, of Lawrence Bazadon; the claim of Orlando Raymond, and the papers and documents accompanying the application of Thomas Hight, to this General Assembly.

Mr. Clendenin, submitted the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved,* That the public printer be directed to print five hundred copies of the report of the committee of ways and means, in the same form of the report of the

committee of ways and means of last session, to be delivered to the members of this General Assembly, at the same time the journals of this House are delivered, to be by them distributed for the information of the citizens of this state, and that it shall not be necessary for the said report to appear on the journals; and that twenty-five copies thereof, be also deposited in the office of the secretary of state, to be there kept for the use of the same.

Mr. Robb, then moved to amend the said resolution by adding thereto the following:

And that the treasurer of state be, and he is hereby required to make out and deliver to the public printer, an accurate statement of the receipts and expenditures of the public money—that the same be published with, and attached to the acts of the present session of the General Assembly, agreeably to the 22d section of the 3d article of the Constitution. And on the question being taken, shall the said resolution be so amended? It passed in the affirmative.

The question was taken on the adoption of the resolution as amended. And passed in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have reconsidered their vote of yesterday, adhering to certain amendments made by them to the enrolled bill from the House of Representatives, entitled An act making specific appropriations for the year 1825; have concurred in the amendment made to their amendment, by the House of Representatives; which amendment to the amendment, allows to John Aydelott the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty cents; and they have receded from their amendment to said bill, which makes a specific appropriation to the agent of the state at Indianapolis.

The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled an act, giving further powers to the agent of the state at Indianapolis and for other purposes, with sundry amendments. They have also passed the engrossed bill from the House of

Representatives, entitled An act to incorporate medical societies, to regulate the practice of physic and surgery in this state with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments made by the Senate to the two last mentioned bills, and the same being read at the clerk's table, were all concurred in by the House.

Mr. Pepper from the joint committee for enrolled bills reported: That the committee of enrolled bills have examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act supplemental to the act entitled an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution and for other purposes.

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act, regulating the judicial circuits and fixing the times of holding courts."

An act for the relief of John D. Stephenson, clerk of the Hamilton circuit court, and for other purposes.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly relative to Fall creek mills.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly.

An act attaching part of the county of Delaware to the county of Marion.

An act supplemental to an act establishing a county seminary in the county of Knox.

An act authorizing justices of the peace to issue writs of *ne exeat*.

An act giving further powers to the agent of the state for the town of Indianapolis, and for other purposes.

And find the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, that the clerk carry the same to the Senate for the signature of their president.

Mr. Hillis from the joint committee for enrolled bills reported: That they did, on this day present to the Governor, for his approval and signature, the following enrolled bills, entitled acts, to wit:

An act to amend the act, entitled "an act to regulate and license taverns"—approved, Jan. 24, 1824.

An act to amend an act, entitled "an act incorporating congressional townships, and providing for public schools therein"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824.

An act to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund to pay over certain monies therein named.

An act allowing a compensation to Richard Palmer, one of the commissioners appointed to locate the seat of justice of Parke county.

An act to amend the act, "relative to county boundaries"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824.

An act to incorporate the town of Charlestown, in Clark county.

An act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Owen, Sullivan, Vigo and Putnam.

And an act making general appropriations for the year 1825.

An act supplemental to the act, entitled an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution, and for other purposes.

An act to amend the act, entitled an act to regulate judicial circuits, and fixing the times of holding courts.

An act supplemental to an act, establishing a county seminary in the county of Knox.

An act authorizing justices of the peace to issue writs of ne exeat.

An act attaching part of the county of Delaware to the county of Marion.

An act for the relief of John D. Stephenson, clerk of the Hamilton circuit court, and for other purposes.

An act giving further powers to the agent of the state for the town of Indianapolis, and for other purposes.

A joint resolution relative to Fall creek mills.

And a joint resolution, entitled a joint resolution of the General Assembly.

Mr. Palmer having obtained leave, presented a joint resolution relative to printing certain acts; which was read a first time—the rule having been dispensed with; was read a second and third time and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof, and ask their concurrence.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported—That the committee have examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to incorporate medical societies, for the purpose of regulating the practice of physic and surgery, in this state.

And an act to amend the act, entitled an act for opening and repairing public roads and highways; and have found the same truly enrolled—

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

*Ordered*, That the clerk carry the same to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*,

The Senate have adopted a joint resolution from this House, relative to the printing of certain acts, without amendment.

And have adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed on the part of the Senate, to act with a similar committee that may be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that both Houses of the General Assembly have gone through their legislative duties, and are now ready to adjourn, and inquire of him whether he has any further communications to make. And the Senate have, on their part, appointed Messrs. Gregory and Montgomery that committee. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Pepper,

*Resolved*, That this House concur in the resolution of the Senate, for the appointment of a joint committee to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and notify him that unless he may have further communications to make to the two Houses, that they are now ready to adjourn—

And thereupon,

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Pepper and Worth that committee on the part of this House.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have adopted the following resolution, to wit.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. John Ritchey, of the House of Representatives be requested to close the session of this General Assembly, by prayer, and that the Senate will meet with the House of Representatives in said ceremony, that the House of Representatives be informed thereof, and the adoption of a similar resolution on their part requested.

On motion of Mr. Irwin,

*Resolved*, That this House concur in the foregoing resolution, and that seats be assigned for the accommodation of the Senate, on the right of the Speaker's chair.

*Ordered*, That the clerk inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Graham, a member:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have passed the engrossed bill from this House, relating to the navigation of the Eastern and Western branches of White river, without amendment. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That the committee have examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to amend the act, for assessing and collecting the revenue.

An act supplemental to an act, entitled "an act defining the duties of recorders, and pointing out the mode of conveying real estate"—approved, Jan. 21, 1818.

An act relating to the navigation of the Eastern and Western branches of White river.

An act allowing compensation to the commissioners of the state road leading from Terre-Haute to Fort Wayne.

An act to amend an act, entitled "an act concerning clerks"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824.



An act making specific appropriations for the year 1825.

And a joint resolution relative to printing certain acts; and have found them truly enrolled.

Mr. Hurst, from the joint committee of free conference appointed on the part of the two Houses, to confer together on the subject of the disagreeing votes between the two Houses, relative to the amendments made by the Senate to the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled an act to amend the act for assessing and collecting the revenue, reported: That they had had the same under consideration, and had agreed to so modify the first amendment to the fifteenth section, by inserting after the word "paid," in the fifth line, the following, "and where there is any judgment or judgments against any county in this state, the board of justices may, in their discretion, order when, and in what manner, such judgment or judgments shall be discharged, not inconsistent with the Constitution of this state, and of the United States; that they have stricken out the amendment made by both Houses, to the proviso in the said section, as far as the word "dollar," and adopted the following: "That said board shall not grant any license to vend merchandize, for a less sum than ten dollars for any one year, nor more than twenty five dollars for the same period, to any one person or firm, and that they have agreed that the House of Representatives shall recede from the amendment made by them, to the amendment of the Senate, to the twenty-eighth section of said bill;" which report being read was concurred in.

Mr. Hillis, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported: That they did on this day, present to his Excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature—

An act supplemental to an act, entitled "an act defining the duties of recorders, and pointing out the mode of conveying real estate"—approved, Jan. 28, 1818.

An act to amend an act, for assessing and collecting the revenue.

An act allowing compensation to the commissioners

of the state road leading from Terre-Haute to Fort Wayne.

An act to amend an act, entitled "an act concerning clerks"—approved, Jan. 31, 1824.

An act making specific appropriations for the year 1825.

A joint resolution relative to printing certain acts.

An act to incorporate medical societies, for the purpose of regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this state.

An act to amend the act, entitled an act for opening and repairing public roads and highways.

And an act relating to the navigation of the Eastern and Western branches of White river.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that unless he may have further communications to make to the two Houses of the General Assembly, they are now ready to adjourn without day, reported: That the said committee had performed the duty assigned them, and had received for answer from him, that he had no further communications to make to them at the present session.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Ray, his private secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

I am instructed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives, that he did on this day, approve and sign—

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate and license taverns"—approved Jan. 24, 1824.

An act to amend an act incorporating congressional townships, and providing for public schools therein—approved, Jan. 31, 1824.

An act allowing a compensation to Richard Palmer, one of the commissioners appointed to locate the seat of justice of Parke county.

An act to authorize the agent of the three per cent. fund to pay certain monies therein named.

An act to amend the act relative to county boundaries—approved, Jan. 31, 1824.

An act to incorporate the town of Charlestown in Clark county.

An act making general appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

An act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Owen, Sullivan, Vigo, and Putnam.

An act to amend an act, entitled "An act incorporating congressional townships, and providing for public schools therein—approved, Jan. 31, 1824.

An act supplemental to the act, entitled an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution and for other purposes.

An act giving further powers to the agent of the state for the town of Indianapolis, and for other purposes.

An act authorizing a review of a part the state road from the Highlands on White river to Washington, thence to Spencer, thence to Indianapolis.

An act relating to the navigation of the Eastern and Western branches of White River.

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act for opening and repairing public roads and highways."

An act making specific appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

An act to amend an act for assessing and collecting the revenue.

An act to incorporate medical societies, for the purpose of regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this state. And,

A joint resolution relative to printing certain acts.

All of which originated in the House of Representatives.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary:

*Mr. Speaker,*

The Senate have received official information from the Governor, that he did on this day approve and sign the following acts to wit:

An act appointing commissioners to re-locate the seat of justice of Posey county, and for other purposes.

An act appointing commissioners to locate the seat of justice of Madison county.

An act to authorize called sessions of the circuit courts.

An act for the relief of John D. Stephenson, clerk of the Hamilton circuit court, and for other purposes.

An act attaching part of the county of Delaware to the county of Marion.

An act authorizing justices of the peace to issue writs of *ne exeat*.

And a joint resolution of the General Assembly; all which originated in the Senate. And then he withdrew.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Ray, his private secretary:

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

Permit me to inform you, that I have filed in the office of the Secretary of State, my resignation as Governor, and to assure you of the great degree of gratitude, which under all circumstances, I must ever feel, for the many signal instances of confidence reposed, and honor conferred by the people and the legislature of the state.

I have the honor to be  
with the greatest respect,  
your obedient servant,  
WILLIAM HENDRICKS.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong,

*Resolved*, that a message be sent to the Senate to inform them, that this House, having completed the business before them, are now ready to adjourn, on their part, *sine die*; and the clerk do go with the said message to the Senate.

Mr. Pepper, from the joint committee for that purpose, reported: That the said committee had discharged the duty assigned them, and had received for answer from his excellency the Governor, that he had no further communications to make to the General Assembly at the present session.

Another message was then received from the Senate by Mr. Farnham, their assistant secretary, notifying

the House that the Senate having completed the business before them are now ready to adjourn.

A motion was then made, that this House do now adjourn—Upon which,

The Speaker rose from his chair, and addressed the House as follows:

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

We have been assembled in this place for the last five weeks, busily engaged in the difficult and responsible duties of legislation; but whether we have benefited our country thereby time and experience must determine. Be that as it may, we have brought our labours to a close and in a few moments will leave this theatre of public action.

We are about to separate, and it is altogether probable that we shall never all meet again together until we pass hence to that "bourne from whence no traveller returns." Having been laboring together in the same vineyard, and undergoing the same fatigues and labours, we have, as was natural to expect, formed a degree of friendship and fraternal regard for each other, which I hope, we will carry with us to the grave. But notwithstanding that, the hour of our separation is hailed with delight, we look forward with the most pleasing anxiety, beyond the confines of the crowded and busy scenes of the capital, to the spot where we will again mingle with our friends, in the sweet walks of private life. In anticipation, we have already entered within the sacred veil, where innocence, fidelity and love, are the presiding deities; where reciprocal endearments, arising from mutual interest and affection, have laid the foundation of all earthly happiness. I mean, within that consecrated veil, where we receive the unaffected welcome of a wife, children and friends. It is no matter in what country or clime we may have received our existence, or on what scale we may have graduated, or in what land our lots may be cast—all sorrows and troubles become dissipated like vapor, the moment we enter the circle that is warmed by the smiles of *wife, children and friends*.

Before we separate, permit me to return to you my *grateful* and *heartfelt* acknowledgements for the kind indulgence, generous support, and constant respect which I have received at your hands, during our various deliberations; and for the spirit, alacrity, zeal and good will, you have constantly exhibited at all times, during the progress of our business. At the commencement of the session, I expressed the profound sense of gratitude which I felt for the distinguished mark of your confidence in calling me to the chair; and now at the close of the session, I have to acknowledge a *renewed* and *increased* obligation arising from the resolution you have this day adopted: These things can never cease to be remembered by me as a source of my greatest delight.

I must now leave you, but I leave my heart with you. May God bless you and go with you to your several homes, grant you success and safety, and be a *lamp* and a guide to direct your footsteps through the remaining scenes of life. This House now stands adjourned *sine die*.

ATTEST,

HENRY P. THORNTON, *Clk.*

*Of the House of Representatives.*









